



Dear mouse friends,  
Welcome to the world of



Geronimo Stilton







*THE RODENT'S GAZETTE*  
EDITORIAL STAFF

The illustration depicts a bustling office environment for 'The Rodent's Gazette'. In the center, a large desk is cluttered with papers, a laptop, and a pizza. Several characters are working at the desk, including one on a laptop and another on a phone. To the left, a character is editing a video on a small screen. In the foreground, a character is reading a newspaper while sitting in a large armchair. To the right, a character is writing on a notepad. The office is filled with bookshelves, a fireplace, and a small dog. The overall scene is a lively and detailed representation of the editorial staff at work.







**Geronimo Stilton**

A learned and brainy  
mouse; editor of  
*The Rodent's Gazette*



**Thea Stilton**

Geronimo's sister and  
special correspondent at  
*The Rodent's Gazette*



**Trap Stilton**

An awful joker;  
Geronimo's cousin and  
owner of the store  
Cheap Junk for Less



**Benjamin Stilton**

A sweet and loving  
nine-year-old mouse;  
Geronimo's favorite  
nephew

# Geronimo Stilton

## **HUG A TREE, GERONIMO**



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# THIS IS HOW IT ALL BEGAN . . .

The story you are about to read is an **incredible** tale of nature, love, and friendship. But wait! First let me introduce myself: **my** name is Stilton, *Geronimo Stilton*, and I am the publisher of **The Rodent's Gazette**, the most famous **newspaper** on Mouse Island!

This is the story of an **adventure** that changed my life **forever** . . .





It was the first day of spring, and I was riding  
my bike to work . . .

What a beautiful day!

I love spring!







Birds!

They're singing!

The trees  
are blooming!

SUBWAY





As I pedaled through the streets of New Mouse City, I looked up at the beautiful blue sky peeking between the tall buildings, and I began to **daydream**.

Oh, how I wished I could head straight to the **park**! There, I would lie in the



grass, looking at the **clouds**. I would

listen to the birds

**CHIRPING,**

and I would smell the sweet spring flowers as I thought of ideas for my next novel . . .



**Ring! Ring!**



My cell phone interrupted my reverie.

I answered the call.

**"Grandson!"** shouted my grandfather.

"I know you're thinking of skipping



**WORK** today! I know you very well: **every** year when spring comes, your snout is **UP**, looking at the clouds, and you neglect your work at the paper! But I know how to get you **back on track!**"

**Grandson!**



**Grandfather  
William Shortpaws**

"B-but, Grandfather, I'm riding my bike to work at *The Rodent's Gazette* right now!" I argued.

"Aha, see?!" **Grandfather** barked back. "I was right! You're tooling around town on your bicycle instead of buckling down at the office to **WORK, WORK, WORK!** This is what happens to you every **SPRING!** Come on, Grandson!"





“Get to the office right away! Chop, chop! I want you here in **ten seconds!**”

“Ten seconds?!” I protested. “But that’s imposs —”

He started counting down: “**Ten . . . nine . . . eight . . .**”

**MOLEY MOZZARELLA!** All I could do was pedal as quickly as possible. My grandfather could be so **annoying!**





I arrived at the entrance to *The Rodent's Gazette*, panting. My tongue was hanging out.

**“Three . . . two . . . one . . . zero!”**

Grandfather exclaimed. “Ah, there you are! From now on, no more **slacking off!** Thanks to this **slacker alarm**, I can keep track of everyone, especially you, Grandson!”

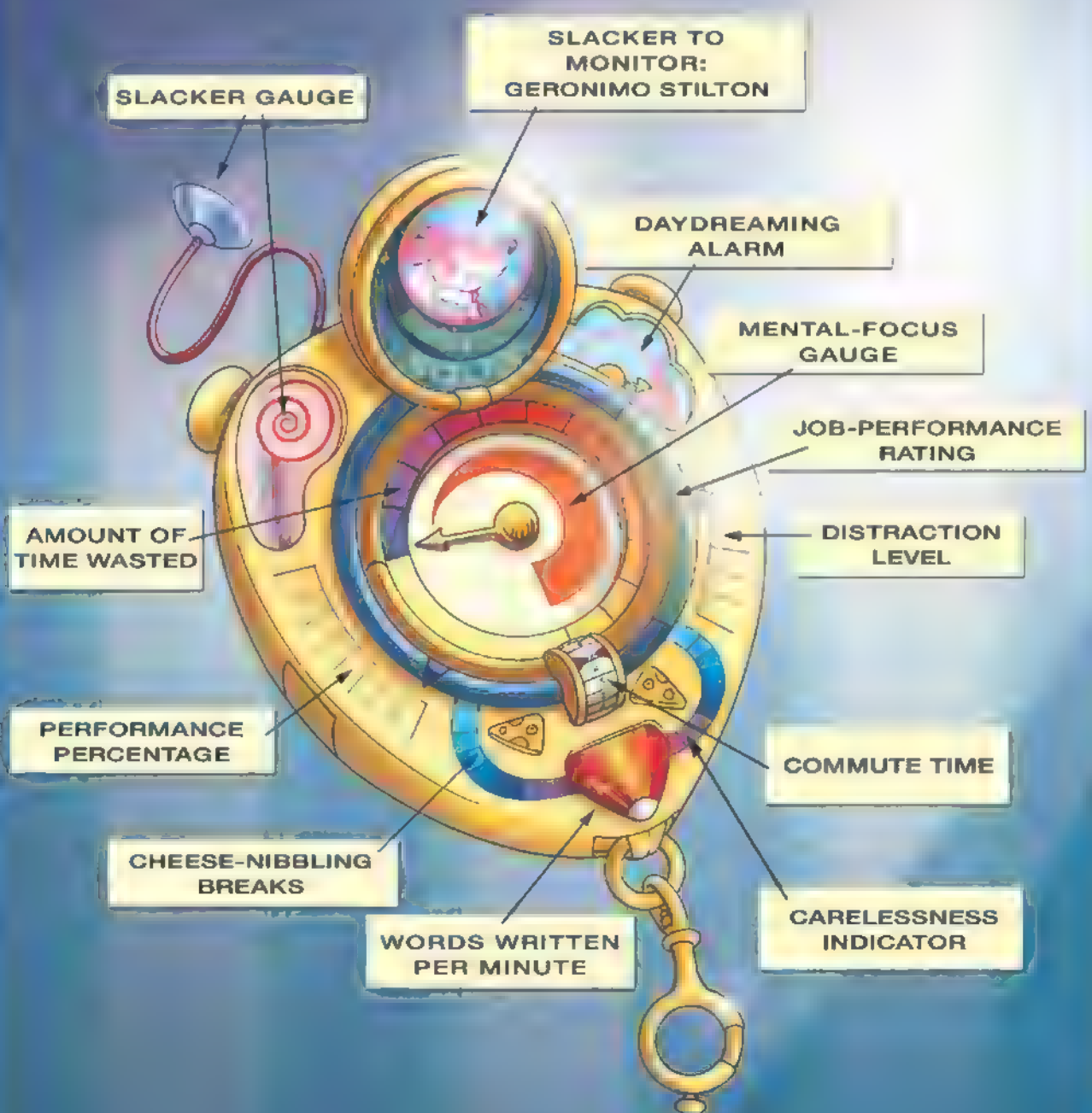
I groaned. Not the **slacker alarm!**





# THE SLACKER ALARM

The slacker alarm is a very complicated tool that Grandfather William invented to keep track of slackers at *The Rodent's Gazette* (especially his grandson, Geronimo Stilton!).





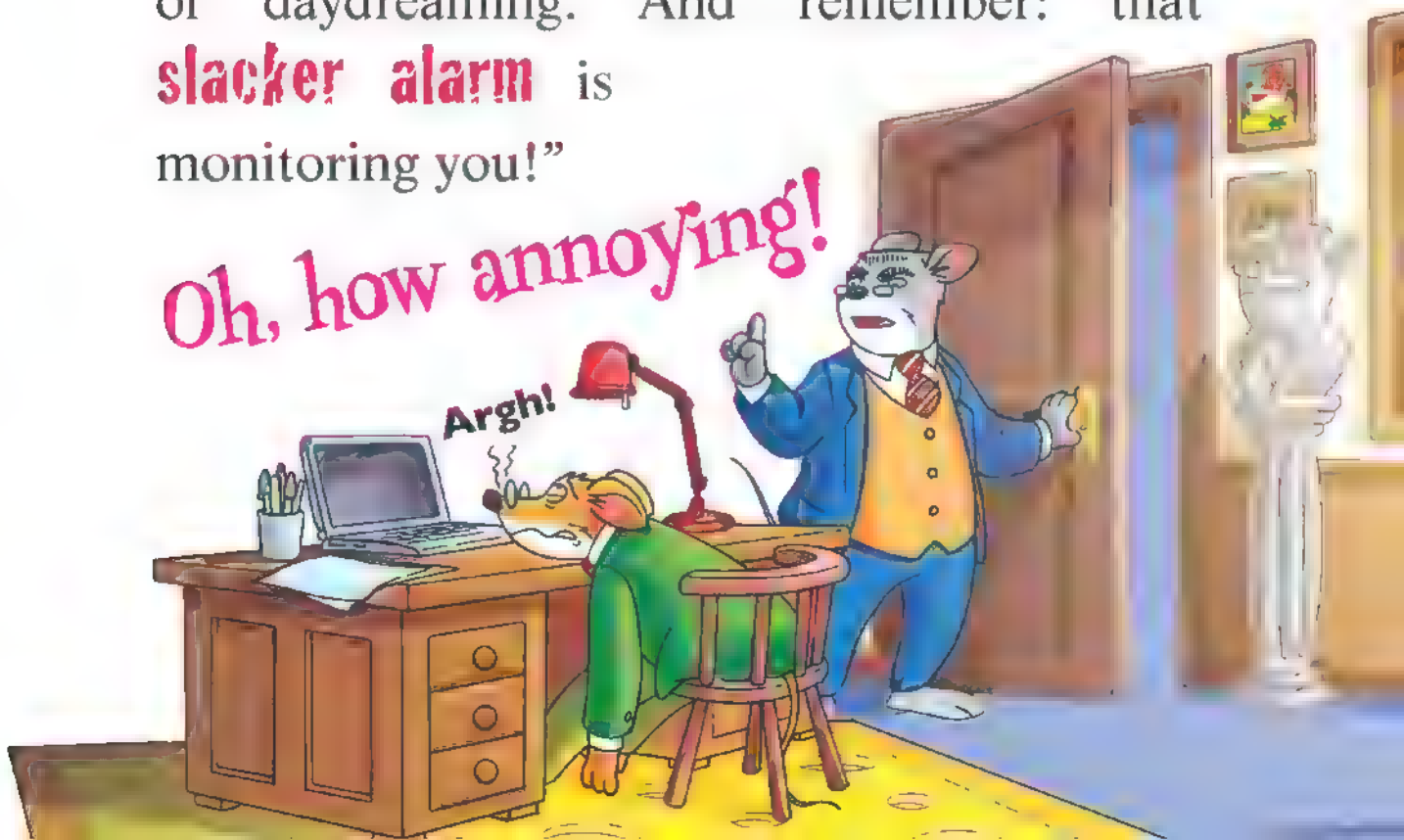
“What a *mouserific* tool!” my grandfather muttered under his breath, smiling to himself. “Now let’s talk about you, Geronimo. I know you haven’t started *writing* your new book yet.”

“B-but, Grandfather,” I squeaked, “I can’t write *on command*. I need inspiration! I need a fabumouse idea! I can’t just write *meaningless words*.”

“Stop making excuses!” my grandfather grumbled. “Sit down and start writing instead of daydreaming. And remember: that *slacker alarm* is monitoring you!”

*Oh, how annoying!*

Argh!







# A BAD CASE OF WRITER'S BLOCK

I sat at my desk for **hours** and **hours**, trying to write my book. I tugged at my whiskers in **frustration**, but at the end of the day, the page was still **blank**. I had the worst case of writer's block!

*Oh, how annoying!*

*Argh!*



All of a sudden, a purple whirlwind **blew** into my office. It was my friend **CREEPELLA VON CACKLEFUR!**



She leaned on my desk and blew a thousand **kisses** at me. You should know that **Creepella** likes to tell everymouse she's my girlfriend, but we're just friends!



“**DARLING**, today is the first day of spring,” she squeaked. “What are you doing sitting in your office like a **moldy mummy**? Let’s go for a walk in the park!”







Right then, my friend **Hercule Poirat** popped into my office.

“Gerrykins, I really need your **help!**” he squeaked. “You see, I’m trying to solve a really **PUZZLING** mystery . . .”

I could hear the **slacker alarm** buzzing from the hallway (my grandfather must have been **LINGERING** there!).

“**Bzzzz!** Geronimo Stilton has not started working yet,” a mechanical voice said. “**Bzzzz!** He has not written a single word. **Bzzzz!** What a slacker!”

I shook my snout in frustration.

“**MOLDY MOZZARELLA!**” I exclaimed. “**Grandfather** wants me to work, **CREEPELLA** wants me to go for a walk in the park, and Hercule wants me to solve a mystery! All I want to do is **write my novel!**”



At that moment, my sister, Thea, and her friend *Flora van der Plant* burst into the office. Flora is an **herbalist** and an expert on medicinal plants and essential oils. She has her own natural beauty product and herbal tea company. Flora, Thea, and Creepella are **good friends**.

“What’s wrong, Geronimo?” my sister asked right away.

“Yes, you look **terrible!**” Flora added sympathetically.

“Nothing!” I replied, exasperated. “I’m just trying to write! But



These three mice are a special group of friends who are also journalists!

Thea Stilton is a correspondent for *The Rodent's Gazette*. She travels the world

seeking adventures and the latest fabumouse stories. Creepella von

Cacklefur writes for *The Shivery News* in Mysterious

Valley. And Flora van der

Plant writes “Dear Flora,” an herbalist advice column that

appears in *The Rodent's Gazette*.

She talks (and writes) about plants as if they’re her friends!





Grandfather is keeping **track** of me with the **slacker alarm**, Hercule needs help solving a **mystery**, and Creepella is trying to get me to take a break and go walk in the **park!**"

"Poor Gerryberry!" Thea teased.

But Flora rushed to my defense.

"You do look **tense**," she said. "That won't help with your writing! You could use a **calming** cup of herbal tea. I'll make you a special, **stress-reducer blend!**"

A moment later, she, Thea, and Creepella rolled a **gigantic** tea cart into my office.

Flora immediately whipped up an enormouse, **hot**, **steaming** mug of tea in a cheese-print **mug**.

"Drink it!" the three mice commanded in unison.



Herbal tea is made from the seeds, leaves, roots, or bark of plants. Soaking these in hot water releases vitamins and minerals, creating a drink that's tasty and good for you, too!





# IT WASN'T ME . . . IT WAS MY COUSIN!

When I finished drinking the herbal tea, I **burped** so loudly everything in my office **shook**.

Suddenly, I realized I was **hungry**!

I opened the drawer to my desk looking



IT WASN'T ME . . .



IT WAS MY COUSIN!

for a **yummy** cheese-filled chocolate. I love them so much I always have a box **stashed** there, along with some candy, cookies, and other **delicious** snacks.

I pulled out the box and opened it to discover . . .

**Squeak!**

**THE BOX WAS EMPTY!**



I decided to munch  
on a chocolate...



...but the box  
was empty!



IT WASN'T ME . . .



IT WAS MY COUSIN!

“Where are my chocolates?” I wailed.

I was positive my cousin **TRAP** had eaten them. He has the **bad habit** of going through my things and devouring any snacks he finds.

**Oh, how annoying!**

A second later, I heard a strange roar. All of a sudden, a mouse on a motorcycle **burst** into my office!





It was my super-healthy, super-fit, super-muscular, and super-energetic friend Dr. Otto Cheesecake. He's the official dietician for the staff of **The Rodent's Gazette**, and he talks about **healthy eating habits** an awful lot for a mouse named *Cheesecake*!

"Ah, Stilton, admit it!" he squeaked. "I caught you with chocolate in your paws!"

I gulped, feeling embarrassed.

"It's not my **fault**, Doctor!"

"Tell me the truth, Stilton," he prodded me, chuckling. "How many cheesy chocolates did you eat?"



### **Dr. Otto Cheesecake**

He is one of Thea's friends and, like her, he loves motorcycles. He is Geronimo's personal dietician, and he writes "You Are What You Eat," a column in *The Rodent's Gazette*. He believes wholesome foods and exercise are the keys to good health. Dr. Cheesecake's slogan is: "Don't be a Cheesecake . . . Leave that to me!"





IT WASN'T ME . . .



IT WAS MY COUSIN!



"You promised me you were going to take care of yourself and eat well!"



"B-but I didn't eat a single **one!**" I exclaimed. "It was my cousin Trap!"



He burst out laughing. Then he **WINKED** at me.



"Right," he said. "Blame your cousin! You know, this isn't the first time I've heard an excuse like that. My patients can be very **creative**. And what are you doing here in the office anyway? You're supposed to be at the gym right now **exercising!** Now let's see you do **twenty-five** jumping jacks . . . Let's **go!**"



"B-but, Doctor, I can't right now," I squeaked. "My grandfather, I mean, Creepella, I mean, Hercule . . . You see, the **slacker alarm** —"



IT WASN'T ME . . .



IT WAS MY COUSIN!

But he pushed me out the door.

“No more excuses, Stilton,” he said. “Now go take a nice **bike ride** in the country. The fresh air will be **good** for you! You’ll thank me for it later, or my name isn’t **Dr. Cheesecake!**”

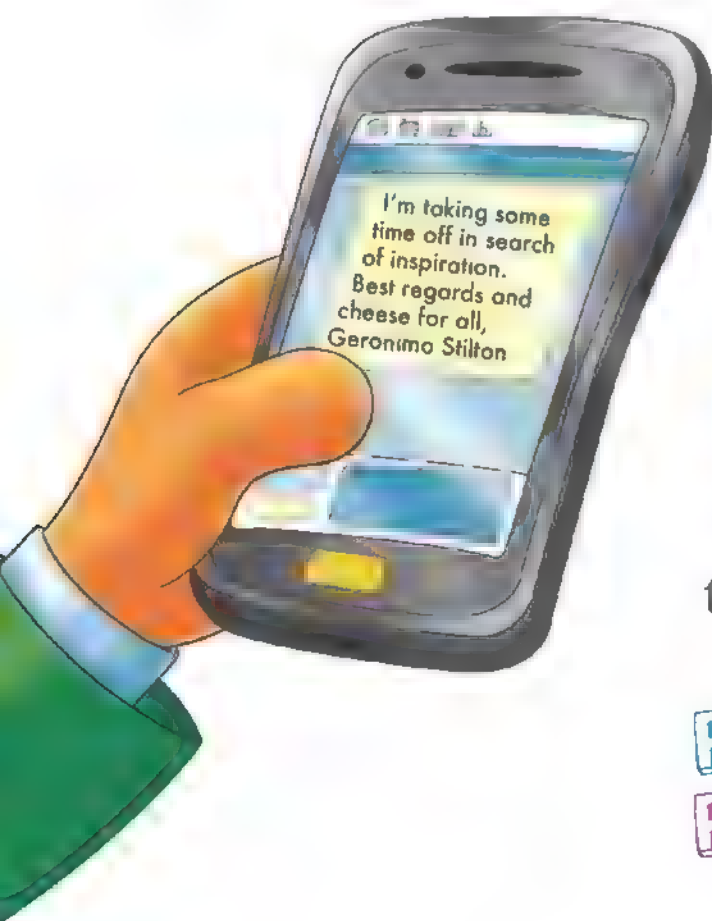






## BEST REGARDS AND CHEESE FOR ALL!

I decided to take Dr. Cheesecake's **ADVICE**.  
It had been impawssible to concentrate in  
the office anyway!



So I sent an email  
to everyone from  
my cell phone.  
Then I left *The  
Rodent's Gazette*,  
hopped on my  
**bicycle**, and  
rode straight out of  
town.

I **PEDALED** and  
**PEDALED** and  
**PEDALED** ...





# Mouse Island Countryside



## Map

- 1 National park
- 2 Campground
- 3 Happy Hills Castle
- 4 Von Cackelur Castle
- 5 Stilton family farm
- 6 Pleasant Stone Village
- 7 Cheddarpaw family farm
- 8 Tattlefur sisters' home
- 9 James Jinxwhiskers' Funeral Home
- 10 Mario Moldycheese's farm
- 11 Suzie Strawberry's farm
- 12 Stinky Cabbage Farm
- 13 Great Oak Tree



. . . until I got to the countryside. Ah, how relaxing!

I was riding my bike up, up, up a narrow, hilly road leading through the woods.

The sun was warm on my fur, the birds were chirping, and a light breeze was blowing. Ah, the countryside is so charming!

A few minutes later, I had the feeling that I had been in that exact place before. HOW STRANGE!

I was deep in thought as I reached the top of the hill. And then I saw it — the most fabumouse view on Mouse Island! I was at the top of the famouse Happy Hills. Just looking at that beautiful landscape filled my heart with joy.

Then it hit me again — I felt like I had been in that exact place before. HOW STRANGE!



**CAN YOU SPOT THE MYSTERIOUS CAR  
FOLLOWING GERONIMO STILTON?**

*What a fabumouse view!*



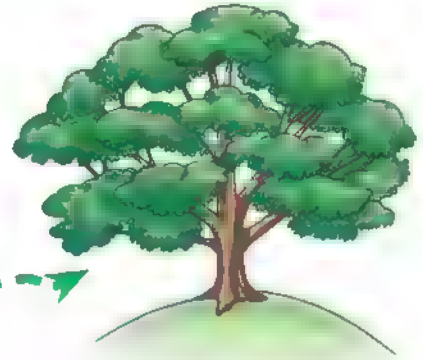






# SNOUTDOWN IN A COMPOST HEAP!

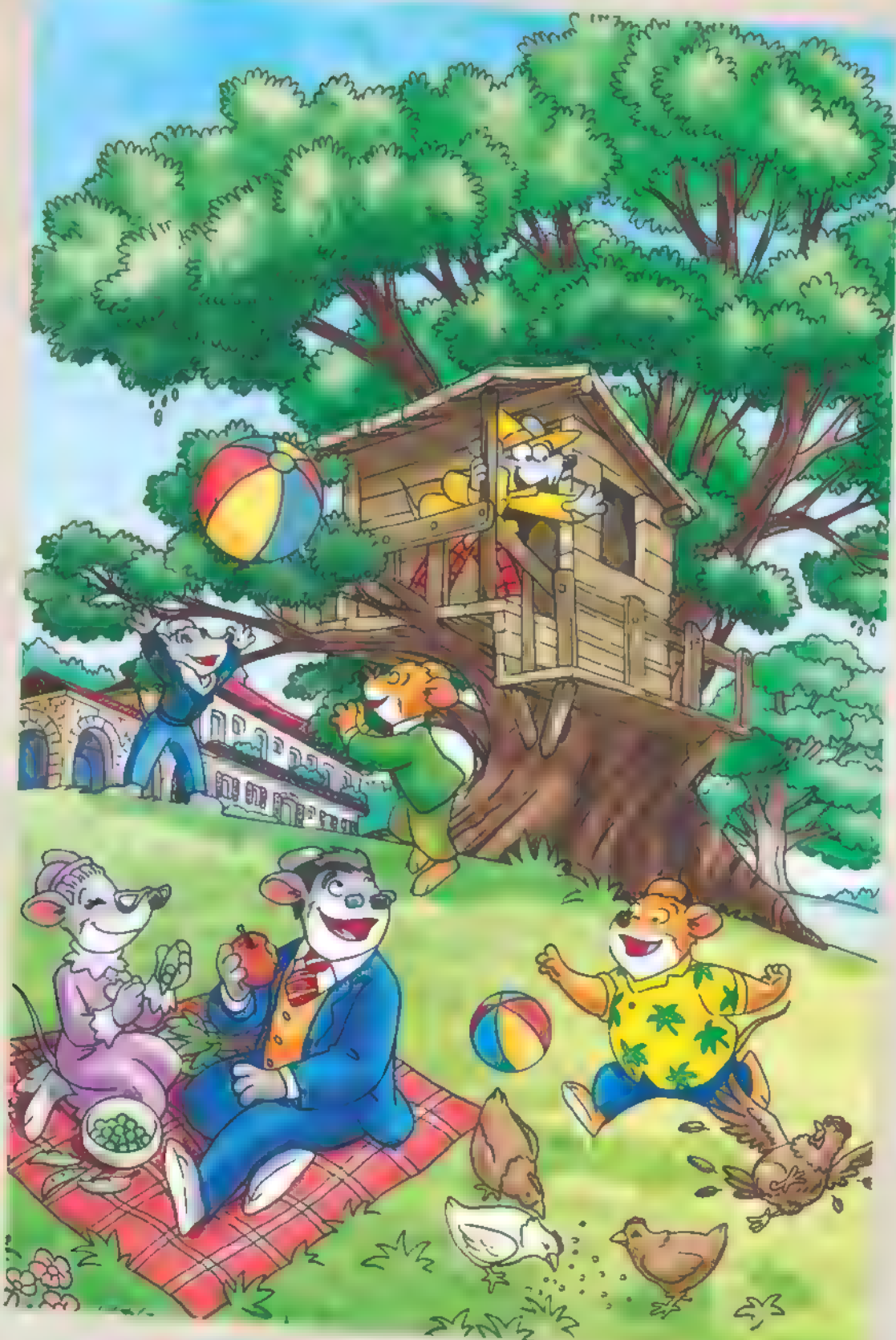
I noticed a beautiful, tall,  
leafy **OAK TREE** on  
the hilltop right in front of  
me, and suddenly I knew why  
the place looked **so familiar** . . .



It wasn't a random oak tree, it was the  
**LEGENDARY** Great Oak!

When I was a mouselet, Grandfather  
William and my aunt Sweetfur used to take  
me to the Stilton family **farm** in the  
Happy Hills for my **SUMMER** vacation,  
and it had been right near that amazing tree!

Aunt Sweetfur had sold the farm years  
ago, but I wondered if it was **STILL**  
**THERE**. Excited at the thought of





seeing the place where I had made so many **happy memories**, I pedaled **FASTER** and **FASTER**.

I was flying down the hill, the wind in my fur, when I noticed a **TREE TRUNK** in the middle of the road.

**SQUEAK!**

I **SLammed** on the brakes, the bike **screeeched** to a stop, and I **flew**







over the trunk. I ended up snoutdown in a **puddle**. I continued to slide down the hill until I landed in a **STINKY, SLIMY** compost heap.

**YUCK!**

I stood up and tried to **clean off** my fur with some leaves. But the leaves just **STUCK** to me!

**4** I ENDED UP SNOUTDOWN IN A PUDDLE!



**5** I SLID AND SLID AND SLID ...



**6** ALL THE WAY INTO A SMELLY COMPOST HEAP!





Oh, how do I always get myself into these **crazy mossos**?

Suddenly, I heard **giggles** behind me.

“Tee, hee, hee!”

I turned to see three older rodents in **bright pink** dresses. They were laughing and pointing at me.



The three Tattlefur sisters love to gossip. They write a column and a blog for the local paper called “True Tales of the Tattlefur Sisters.” They know everything about everybody, and if there’s nothing to find out, they make it up!



The first sister was peering at me through a pair of **binooculars**, the second was busy **taking notes**, and the third was already squeaking on the phone with a friend!

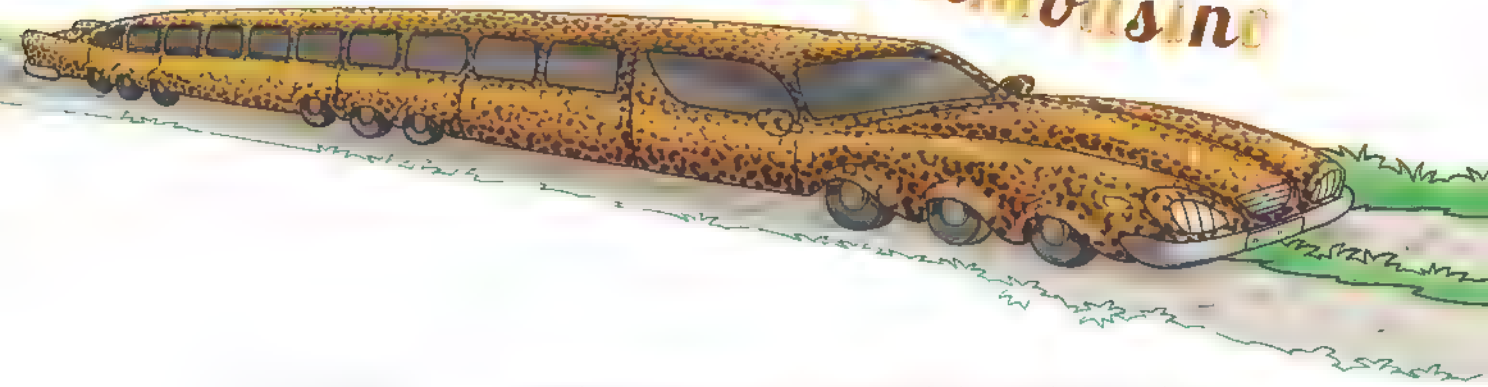
“**Guess what?**” she chattered. “Geronimo Stilton fell into a **compost heap**. I just saw it with my very own eyes! Yes, yes, I’m sure. It’s really him: Geronimo Stilton, the publisher and editor in chief of **The Rodent’s Gazette**. We’ll be posting it later today on our blog, ‘True Tales of the Tattlefur Sisters’!”

I was so **embarrassed** I turned as red as a tomato. Then I noticed a mysterious **leopard-patterned** limousine with tinted windows drive by.





## A leopard-pattered limousine



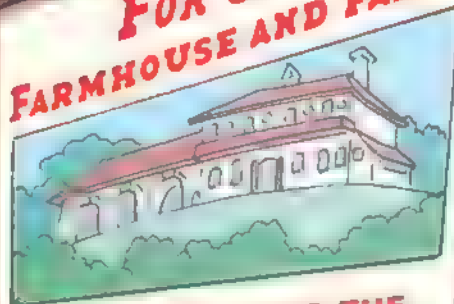
Hmm . . . What was a car like that doing out here in the **country**side?

But before I could give the **strange** limousine much thought, I noticed a sign in front of me. I recognized the picture **IMMEDIATELY** — it was the former Stilton family farm!

**Squeak!** So the farm where I used to go each summer when I was a mouseling was still **right there**. And more important, it was **for sale**!



**FOR SALE**  
**FARMHOUSE AND FARM**



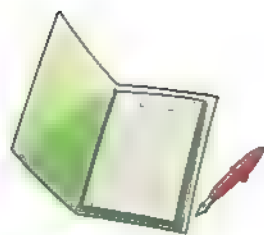
**HAPPY HILLS IS THE  
PERFECT LOCATION FOR  
COUNTRY-LOVING MICE!**

With a little bit of TLC, this  
property could be the home  
of your dreams!

Don't delay: contact  
Fixer Upper Realty TODAY!

That's the Stilton farm!

**FOR  
SALE**



# YOU ARE A VERY LUCKY MOUSE!

As soon as I realized that the **farm** where I had spent so many happy summers was for sale, I knew it would be **fabumouse** to go back there with all my friends. I really wanted to **buy** it, but could I afford it?

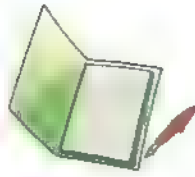
I thought about it for a long time. Finally I called **Aunt Sweetfur** to ask her advice.



“My dear nephew,” she squeaked, “follow your **heart** and you can’t go wrong!”

So I hopped back on my bike and I pedaled and pedaled and pedaled all the way to Pleasant Stone Village. Once I arrived, I went straight to the office of **FIXER**





## UPPER REALTY.

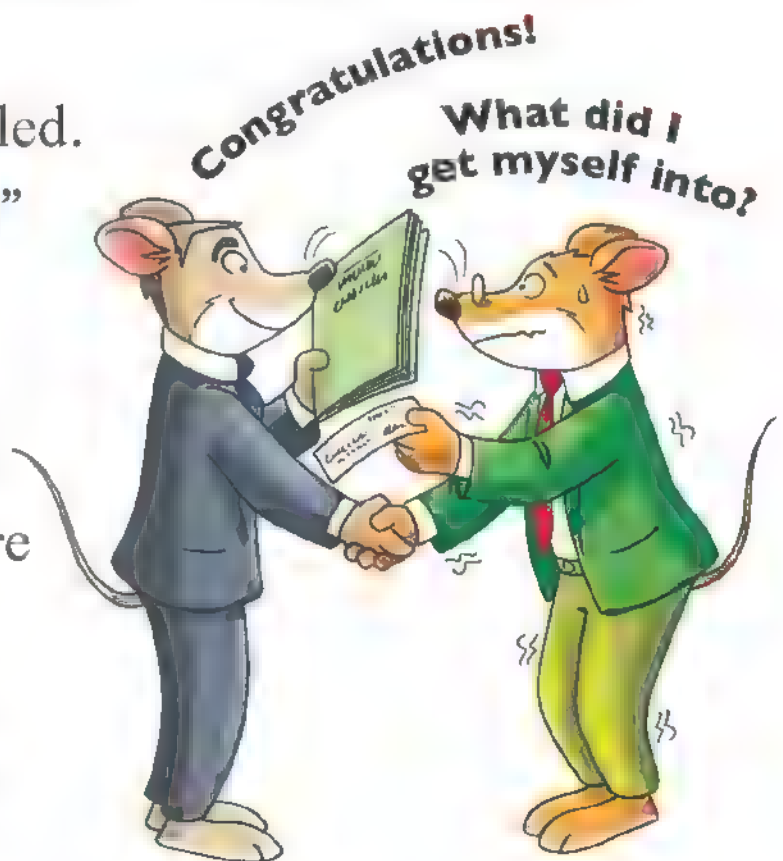
I told the owner that I had seen the sign and I wanted to buy the farm.

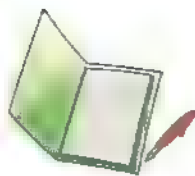
“What a coincidence!” he squeaked, a surprised look on his snout. “Someone else just called about the farm a moment ago. It was a **mysterious** rodent who didn’t want to give me her name. She’s on her way out here to the farm to buy it **as we Squeak!**”

“Noooo!” I wailed.  
“I’m **too late!**”

He burst out laughing.

“Mr. Stilton, do you know you are a very **lucky** mouse?” he said, smiling. “You got





here first, so you're not too late. The **farm** is yours!"

With a **shaky** paw, I handed him a check.

"Congratulations," he said. "You are now the proud owner of a farmhouse and farm in the **COUNTRYSIDE**!"

**Oh, what had I gotten myself into?**

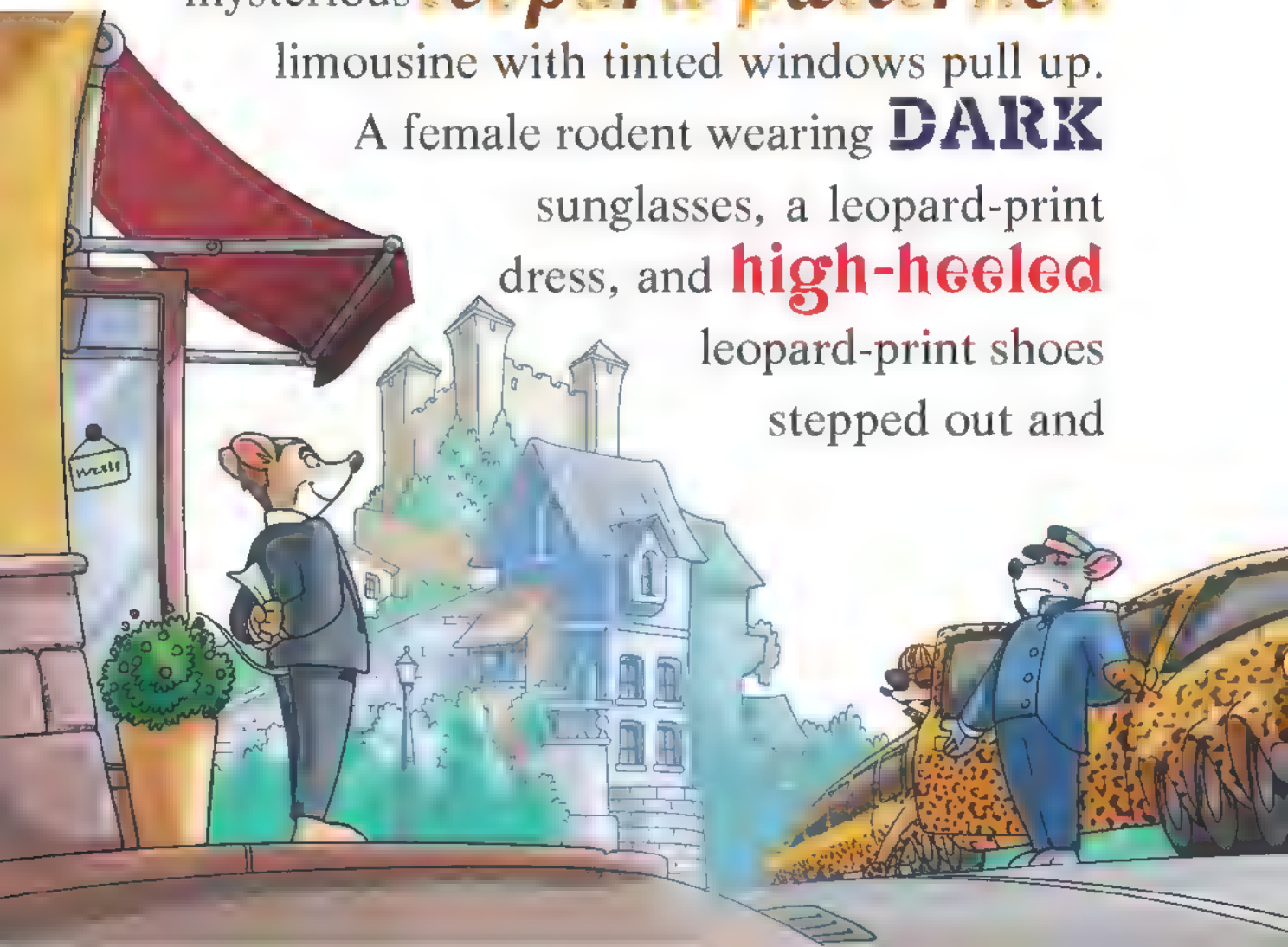
As I walked out the door, I saw the mysterious **leopard-patterned**

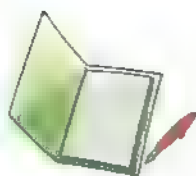
limousine with tinted windows pull up.

A female rodent wearing **DARK**

sunglasses, a leopard-print dress, and **high-heeled**

leopard-print shoes stepped out and





hurried into the office. She was followed by three enormous bodyguards.

Could that be the **mysterious** rodent interested in purchasing the farm?

**Who knows?**

I didn't think about it for long because I was in a hurry to tell my friends and family the **EXCITING** news.

I **RODE** back to *The Rodent's Gazette* office as quickly as I could.

"My dear friends, I have **mouserific** news!" I squeaked as I opened the door. "I just discovered that the farm in the Happy Hills that I visited every summer when I was a





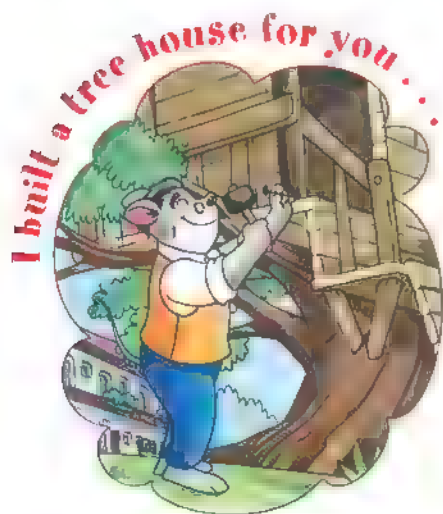


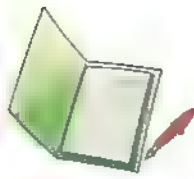
mouseling is **still there!**  
And guess what? **I bought it!** You're all invited to come visit, once I make a few small **renovations** and **repairs.**"

My friends surrounded and **hugged** me, squeaking happily.

**Grandfather William** shed a few tears and blew his nose in **my** tie.

"Well done, Grandson," he said proudly. "This was a great idea! I have so many **happy memories** of the farm. That's where I taught you to ride your **bicycle**, and it's where Thea learned to ride a horse.





**Hercule** solved his first case there, and I even **BUILT** you a tree house at the farm.”

I sighed. “Won’t it be **WONDERFUL** to be back there, Grandfather?” I asked.

“Yes, of course,” he agreed. “But you know my **MOTTO**, right? **Work, Work, Work!** I expect only the best for the farm. I hope you have a plan for **fixing it up**, because I already have a plan for **tracking** your progress . . .”

*So many memories!*



*Now get to work!*





Congratulations, Boss!

How romantic!

I can take care  
of the repairs!

Well done,  
Mr. Stilton!

Squeak!

Well done,  
Gerrykins!

I'll be there!

I love nature!

Here you go!





When's lunch?

Good idea!

Well done, Grandson!

Woo-hoo, Germeister!

Cheers!

I'll plant herbs for my herbal teas!

I'll take care of the farm animals!

Yay, Uncle G!

Amazing!

Terrific!



# TINA SPICYTAIL IS HERE!

I was almost knocked off my paws by a huge force. Was it a **CYCLONE**? A **tornado**?

No, it was my grandfather's cook and housekeeper, Tina Spicytail!



**Tina Spicytail**

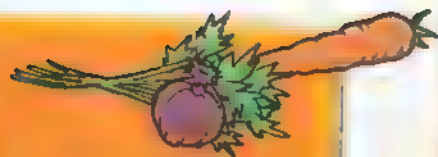
She has more energy than a baby hamster on a wheel, and she's strong enough to carry a tray of food **THREE TIMES HER SIZE!** She

arrived, carrying a large silver tray loaded with food.

"Here is your **snack**, Mr. William!" she announced.



# Tina Spicytail



... and her seven nephews!

Tina Spicytail is Grandfather William's cook and housekeeper. She is an incredible chef known for her spectacular cheese lasagna and her delectable pies. She is the only one who can go snout-to-snout with Grandfather William. She always carries a silver rolling pin and a silver fork engraved with her initials.

These are her seven nephews:



MINO  
the carpenter

RINO  
the plumber

DINO  
the gardener

LINO  
the veterinarian

PINO  
the mechanic

GINO  
the beekeeper

TINO  
the farmer

And this is Lina  
the hen, who is always  
pecking me!



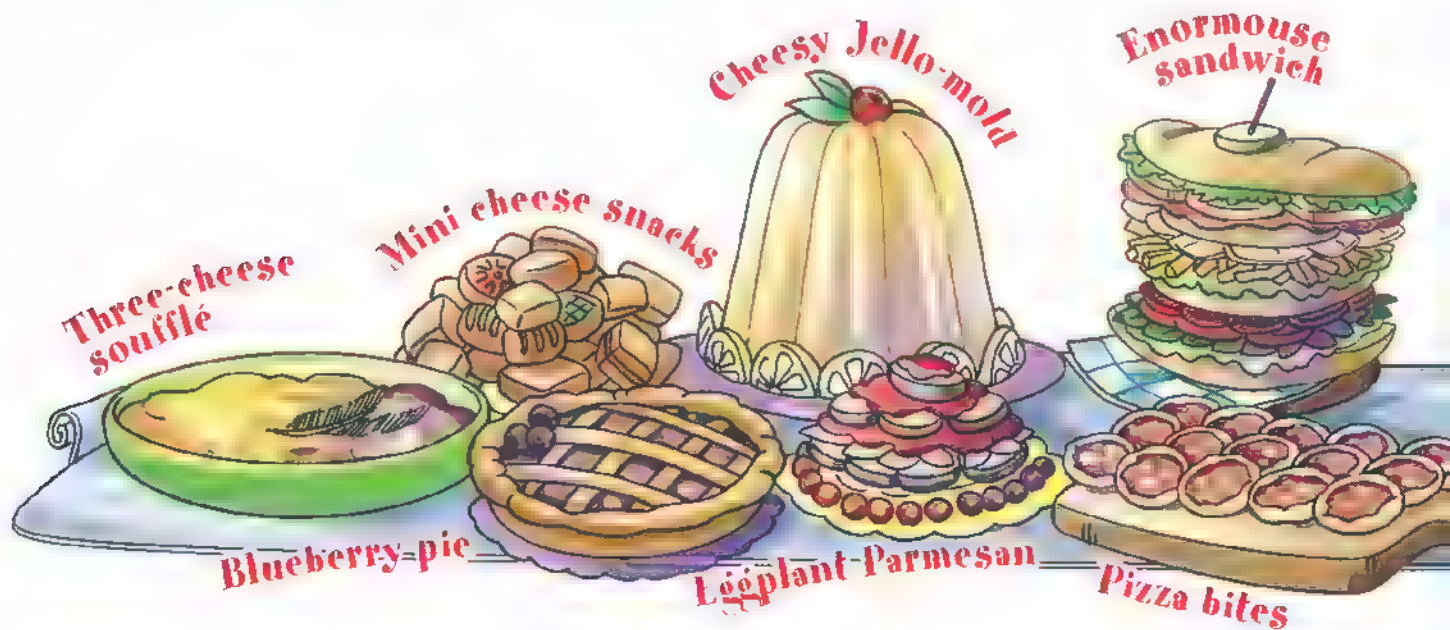




“Yum!” he said as he rubbed his belly greedily. “Grandson, I have a **great idea**. I’ll stay here at the office and you’ll go to the farm with **Tina**. She’ll keep track of your progress using the **slacker alarm!**”

If you know my grandfather at all, you know it’s **imPOSSiBLE** to argue with him (well, unless you’re Tina!).

So I boarded my grandfather’s **cheese-colored camper** along with my friends and family. My sister, Thea, got behind the wheel.



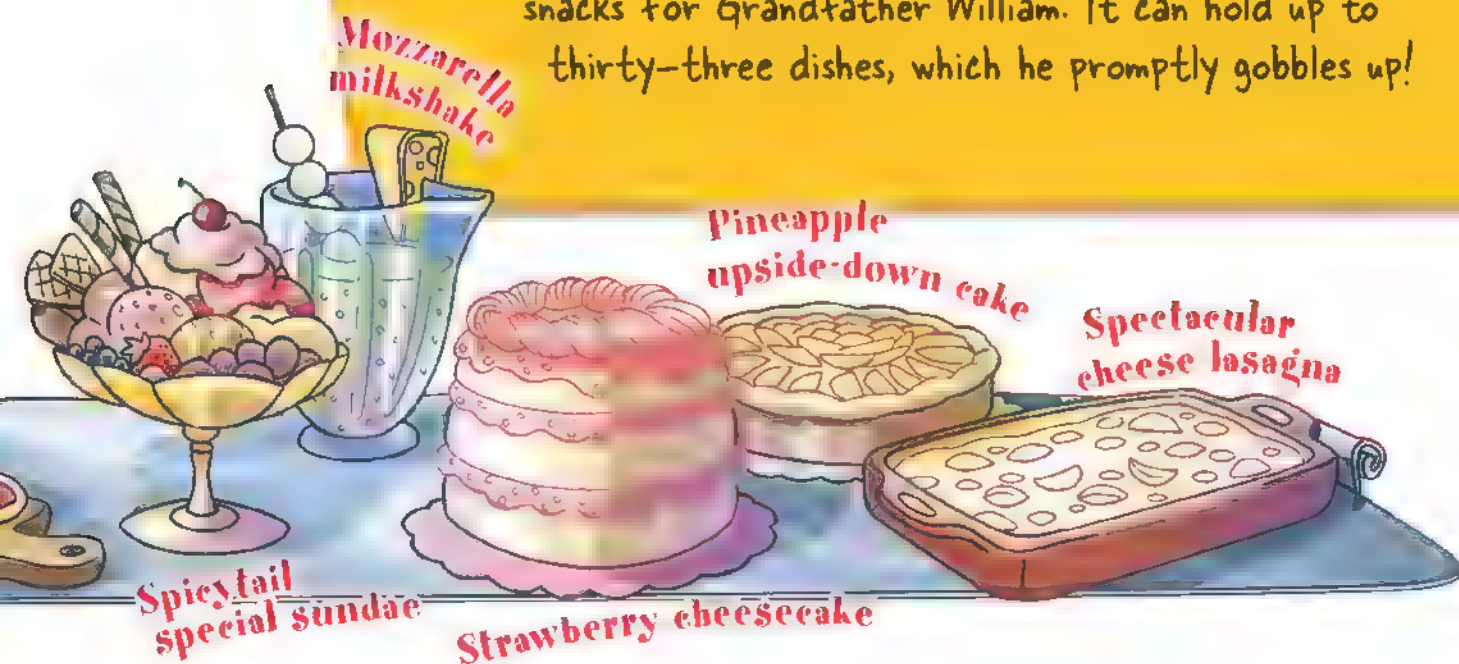


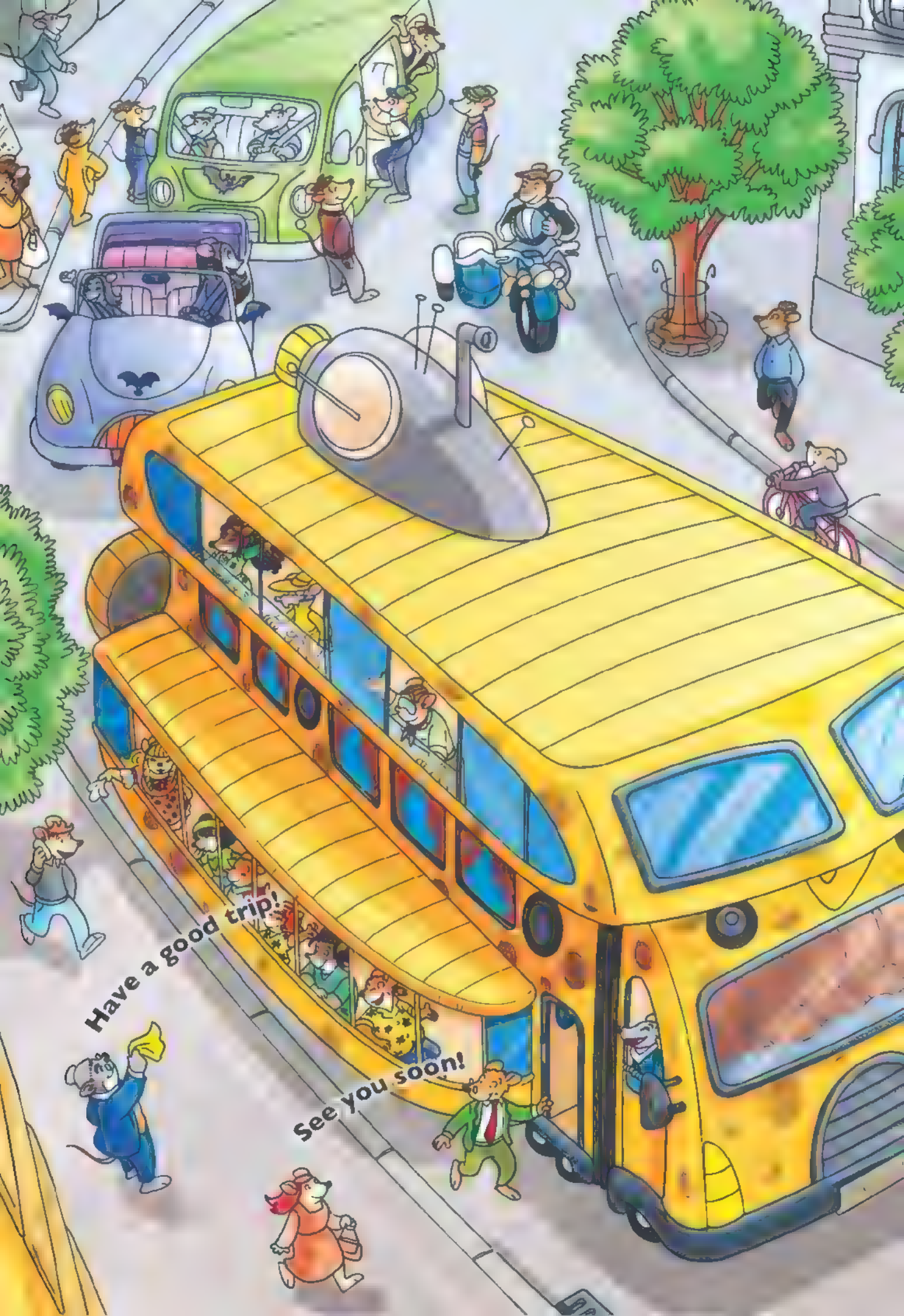
During the drive to the farm, I started to **doubt** myself. Had I done the right thing? After all, I don't know **ANYTHING** about the country! How in the name of cheese was I going to fix up the farm and care for the **Land** and **animals**?

My whiskers **trembled** as I thought about all the work that had to be done. Suddenly, a friendly paw touched my shoulder.

## Tina's tray

This large, silver, foldable tray is used to carry snacks for Grandfather William. It can hold up to thirty-three dishes, which he promptly gobbles up!





Have a good trip!

See you soon!





“You look **nervous**, Geronimo,” a voice squeaked. It was Flora van der Plant. “Don’t worry; you aren’t alone. We’ll all work together!”

When we arrived at the farm, the **sun** was setting and the sky was turning a thousand different **shades** of pink. The countryside is so **beautiful** at sunset!

I stepped out of the camper to remove the **FOR SALE** sign in front of the farm and was greeted by a bunch of bright flashes. Holey cheese, it was the three **Tattlefur sisters**!

### Grandfather's Cheese-Colored Camper

This supercamper is longer than fifty mice standing tail-to-tail and is painted a deep cheddar yellow. It contains a kitchen, dining room, multiple bedrooms, and a library filled with books!





One of them waved a phone in front of my snout. **Squeak!** It showed a picture of me covered in **leaves** and **COMPOST** from the tips of my ears to the end of my tail!

Oh, how embarrassing!

My cousin Trap began to **laugh** and **laugh**.

“Cousin, you look so **silly** covered in compost and mud and leaves!” he tittered. “Ha, ha, ha! You’d better **WATCH OUT** for those Tattlefur sisters . . . They really got you!

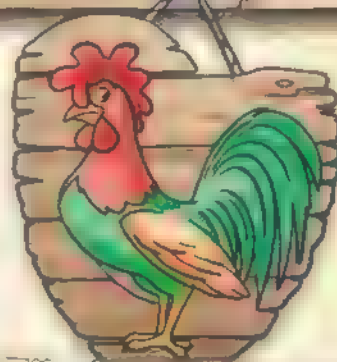
**Ha, ha, ha!”**



# MY NEW NEIGHBORS



**THE THREE  
TATTLEFUR SISTERS**



**HUGO THE ROOSTER**



**CAVALIER CABBAGE**  
He grows the stinkiest  
cabbage in the valley.



Try one!

**SUZIE BLUEBERRY**  
She grows the biggest  
blueberries in the valley.



**RITA**



I'm going  
to get you!

**THE CHEDDARPAW FAMILY**  
The happiest family in the valley

Hello!



**MARIO MOLDYCHEESE**  
He makes the finest blue cheese  
in the valley.

Huh...



**JAMES JINXWHISKERS**  
Owner of the local funeral home



**CHAMOMILE**



**LICORICE**

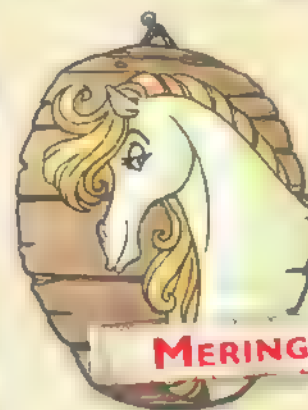
Squeak!



**BEARPAW AND FOXTAIL**  
Forest rangers



**YOYO ÉCLAIR**  
She bakes the best desserts  
in the valley.



**MERINGUE**



## A FEW MONTHS LATER . . .

We started renovating the farm right away and worked all **spring**,

**summer**,

and **fall**.

As **winter** set in, we were close to finished! On the night of December 21 — the first day of winter — we finally put away all our **tools** and

**EQUIPMENT**. Thanks to everyone's help, we had done it! The **farm** was even nicer than it had been in the past. And I was starting to understand more and more about life in the country . . .





# The Stilton Farm



CHICKEN HOUSE

STABLES

WATER TOWER

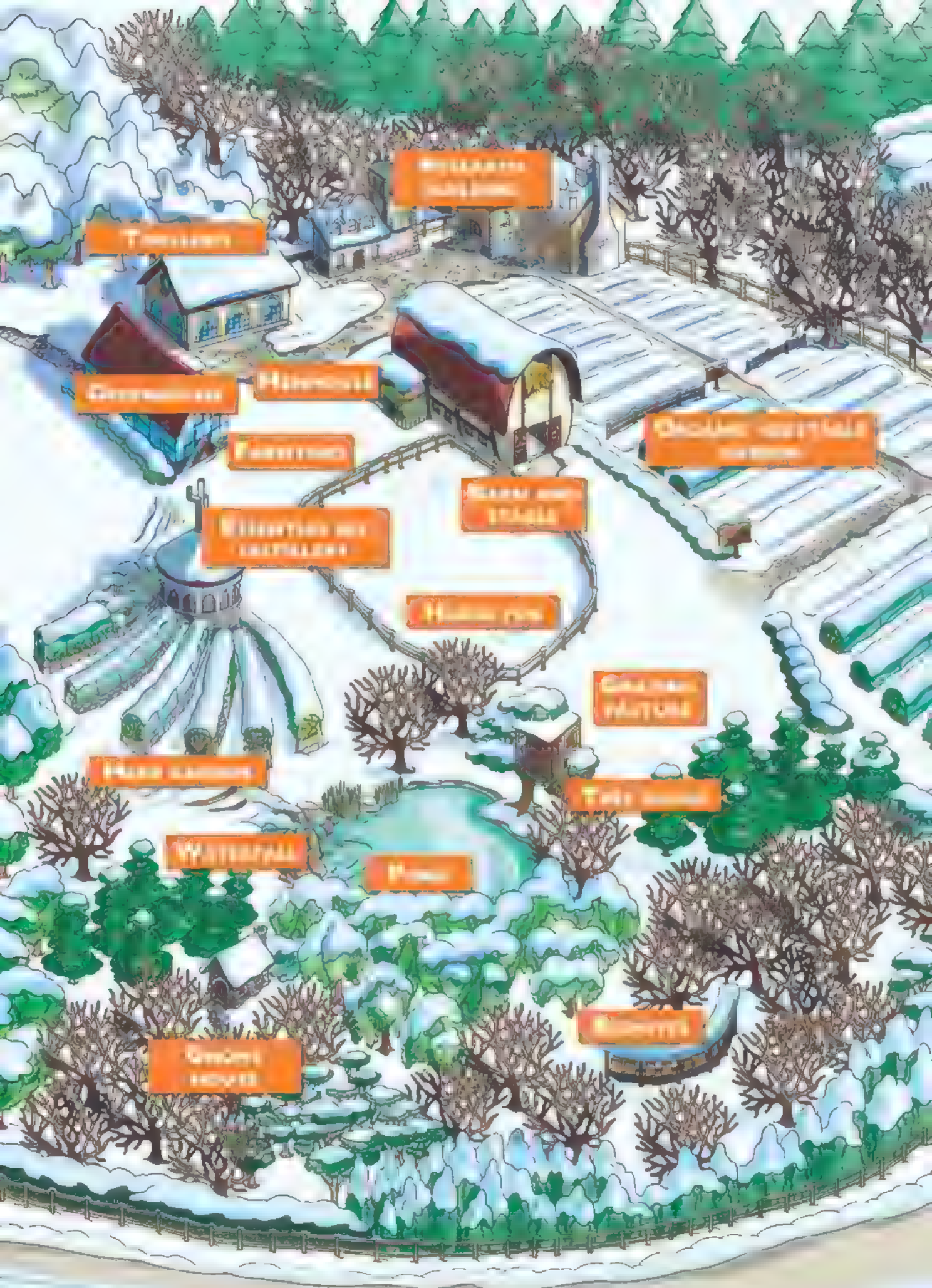
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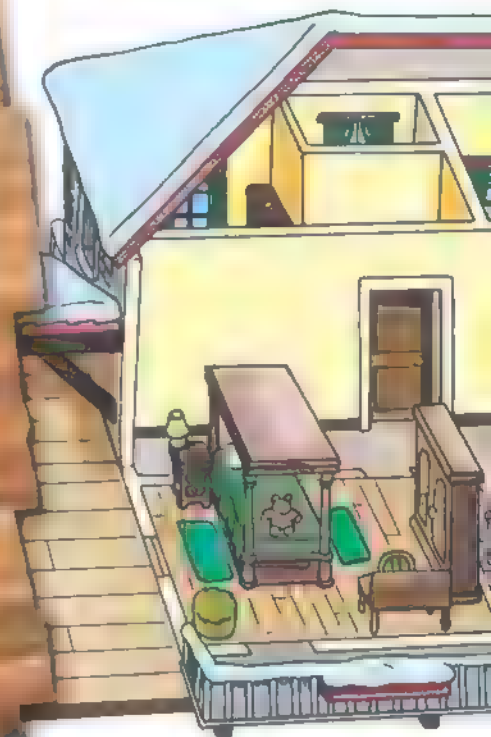






# HERE'S THE INSIDE OF THE FARMHOUSE!

1. Entrance
2. Stairs
3. Pantry
4. Library
5. Bathroom
6. Laundry room
7. Kitchen
8. Pizza oven
9. Fireplace
10. Dining room
11. Living room
12. Main fireplace
13. Sitting room
14. Music room
15. Gym
16. Bathroom
17. Patio
18. Guest room







I found out so many things I hadn't known about life in the country.

For example, I had to **wake** at dawn every day! Every morning, Tina handed me a very **long** list of daily tasks.

"First, gather **eggs** from the henhouse for breakfast," she squeaked. "Then Farmer Cheddarpaw is coming by to show you how to manage the vegetable garden. After that,

collect the **honey**

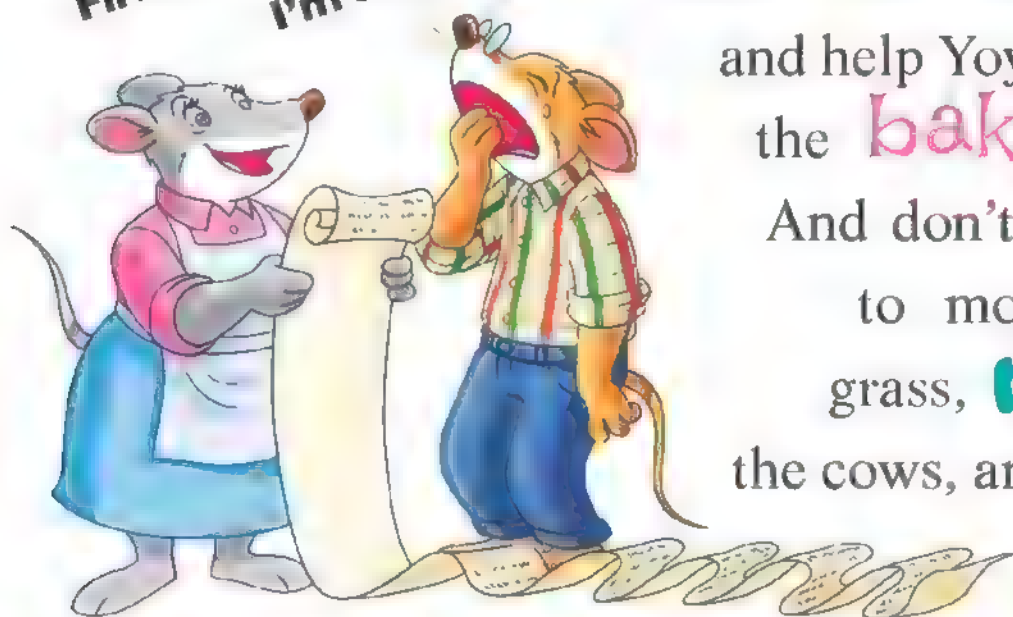
First of all . . .  
I'm so tired!

from the beehives and help Yoyo with the **baking**!

And don't forget

to mow the grass, **milk**

the cows, and . . ."



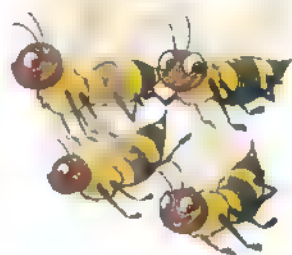




Cluck, cluck,  
cluck!

**Squeak!** There was so much to do and it wasn't even six in the morning. I headed for the henhouse. Alas, the hens weren't happy to see me. **OUCH, THE PECKING!**

BZZZ...  
BZZZ...



After that, I tried to collect the **honey**, but the bees were too busy **stinging** my tail! When Farmer Cheddarpaw arrived to help me in the vegetable garden, the first thing he did was make me shovel stinky **MANURE**.

"It will really help the crops grow **Faster**," he explained. "Grab a shovel and get some from the barn, Geronimo!"

Finally, I headed back to the kitchen to help Yoyo. She wanted me to pick **blackberries** (the **THORNY** bushes



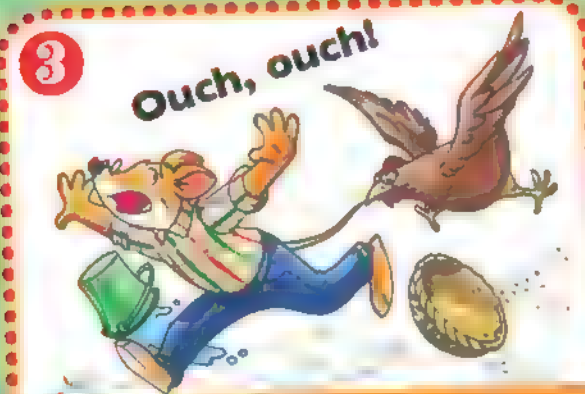
# THE COUNTRYSIDE IS SO BEAUTIFUL! (Isn't it?)



In the country you don't need an alarm clock: the rooster wakes you at dawn.



It's not easy to collect the hens' eggs!



When the hens **PECK**, it hurts!

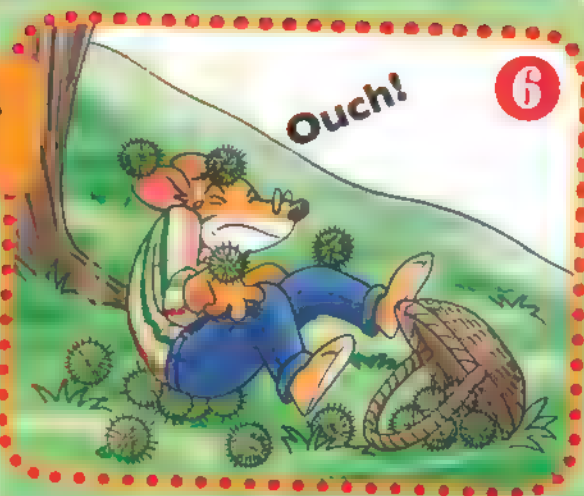


**Honey** is sweet, but watch out for the bees!



To prepare the vegetable garden, you need **MANURE**...

Chestnut butter is delicious,  
but the **BURRS** prick!



When it rains, you can easily  
**SLIP** on the wet grass!



Steer clear of **poison ivy**!



Goats like to **chew**  
on everything!



**MILKING** cows isn't easy!





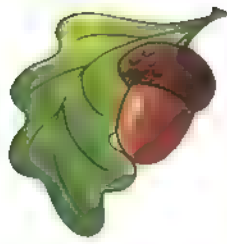
were so sharp!), **chestnuts** (the **spiky** burrs prick!), and **STINGING NETTLE** leaves. **OUCH!**

Living in the country wasn't always **easy**, but we were happy. Every night we sat down together to eat a healthy, delicious meal.



Hugs all  
around!

Life is good!



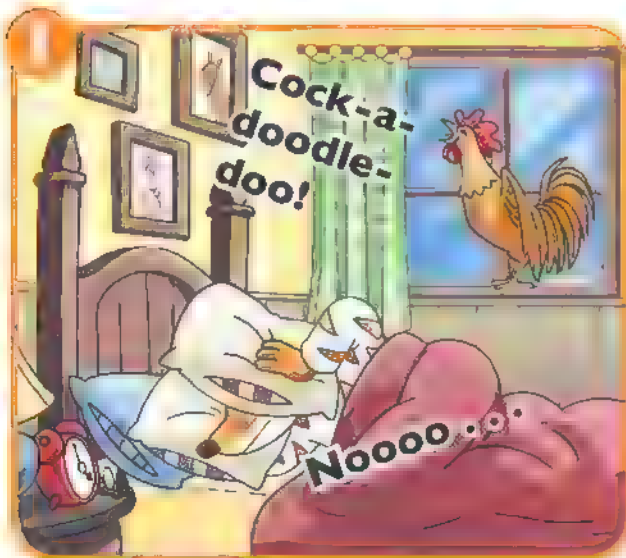
# THE SECRET OF THE GREAT OAK

One night I went to bed feeling particularly **exhausted**. I was hoping I could sleep in the next morning, but right at dawn I heard it: **cock-a-doodle-doo!**

It was **HUGO, the rooster!**

I covered my head and tried to go back to sleep, but something pecked my ear: **CLUCK, CLUCK, CLUCK!\***

It was **Lina, the hen!**



\* *Cluck, cluck, cluck!* means "Wake up, slacker!" in hen.





I pulled the covers over my snout and went back to **sleep**. But a second later someone opened the windows and let in a blast of **COLD AIR** that blew the covers off my bed. Then I heard the clang of a metal fork hitting a gong.

**3 It was Tina Spicytail, the alarm clock!**

“Wake up, sleepyhead!” she squeaked.  
“Time to get out of bed!”





I got up and looked out the window. The sun wasn't up yet. It was **cold**, but I decided to take a walk. I got bundled up in a jacket, scarf, and hat, and started walking down the **dirt road**. I walked in **silence**, breathing in the cold air, snow crunching under my paws. Finally, I arrived at the **GREAT OAK!**

*I wonder how long this tree has been here? I thought to myself. Who knows how many **BIRDS** have made **nests** in its branches? Who knows how many **mice** have taken a cool rest in the **shade of its leaves?***

As I studied the tree thoughtfully, I noticed an **OLD stone** covered in thorns at the foot of the tree. I pushed the thorns aside and began to **read** . . .

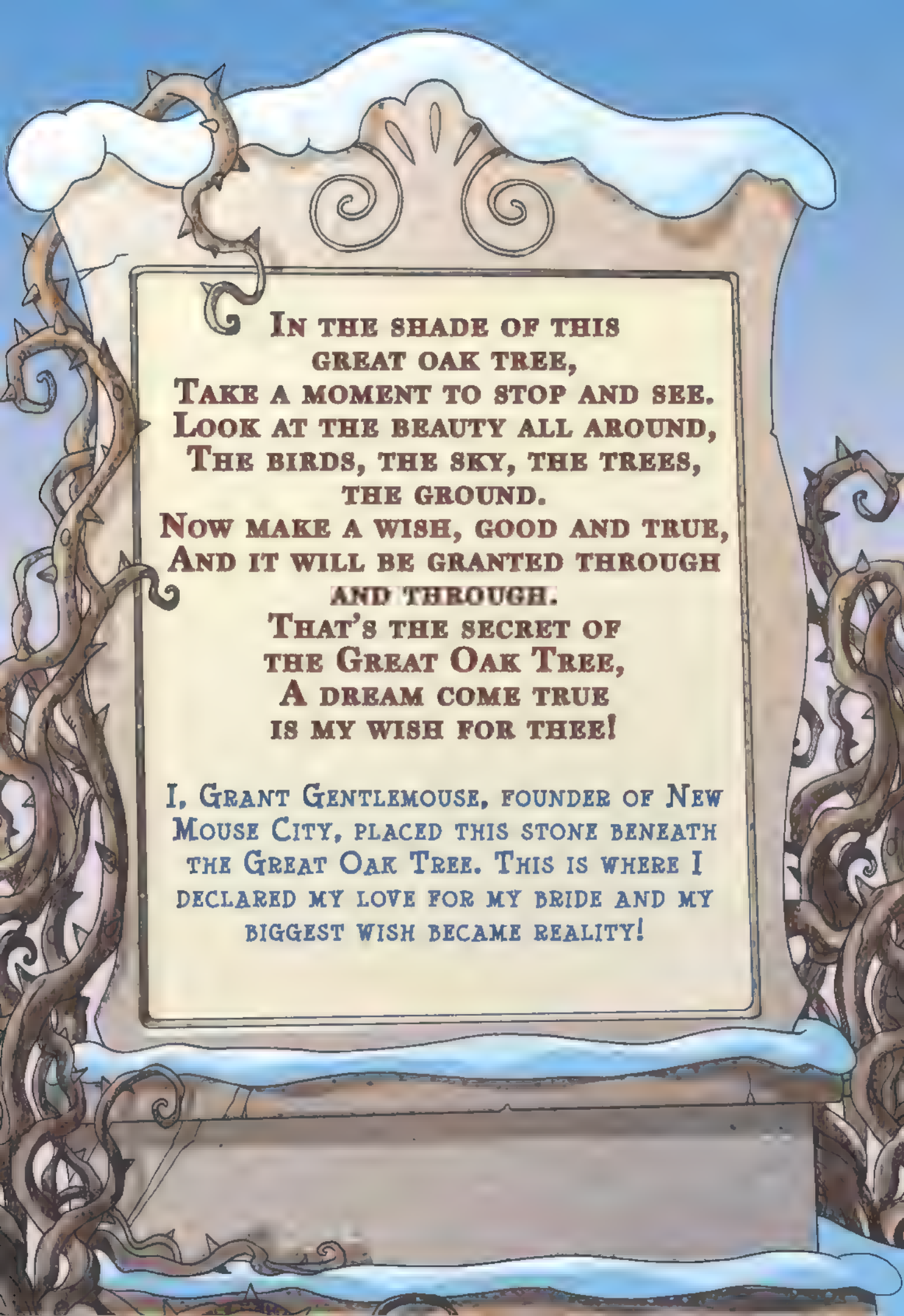
**Great Gouda!** I had uncovered a

What's this?

IN THE GREAT WOODS  
GROVE OF THE  
TAKE A MOMENT  
LOOK AT THE  
THE BIRDS  
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WE MAKE A W  
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**IN THE SHADE OF THIS  
GREAT OAK TREE,  
TAKE A MOMENT TO STOP AND SEE.  
LOOK AT THE BEAUTY ALL AROUND,  
THE BIRDS, THE SKY, THE TREES,  
THE GROUND.**

**NOW MAKE A WISH, GOOD AND TRUE,  
AND IT WILL BE GRANTED THROUGH  
AND THROUGH.**

**THAT'S THE SECRET OF  
THE GREAT OAK TREE,  
A DREAM COME TRUE  
IS MY WISH FOR THEE!**

**I, GRANT GENTLEMOUSE, FOUNDER OF NEW  
MOUSE CITY, PLACED THIS STONE BENEATH  
THE GREAT OAK TREE. THIS IS WHERE I  
DECLARED MY LOVE FOR MY BRIDE AND MY  
BIGGEST WISH BECAME REALITY!**



real **mouserific treasure** at the base of that tree! I couldn't believe that no one else had found the stone in the many years since Grant Gentlemouse had founded **New Mouse City**. I couldn't wait to tell my friends.

### *Grant Gentlemouse*

*Grant Gentlemouse is the founder of New Mouse City, the capital of Mouse Island.*

*According to legend, he built a beautiful white marble castle\* for his mysterious bride, and she spent her days there writing fairy tales. She was kind and good-hearted and could play many different musical instruments.*



\* You can read all about this in my book *The Hunt for the Hundredth Key*.







Fabumouse!



As I hurried back to tell everyone about my fabumouse **discovery**, I saw the **leopard-patterned** limousine with the tinted windows again.

It had been **months** since I'd last **seen** it. What was that **STRANGE** car doing way out here in the country? It looked much too **fancy** to be zipping around on dirt roads.

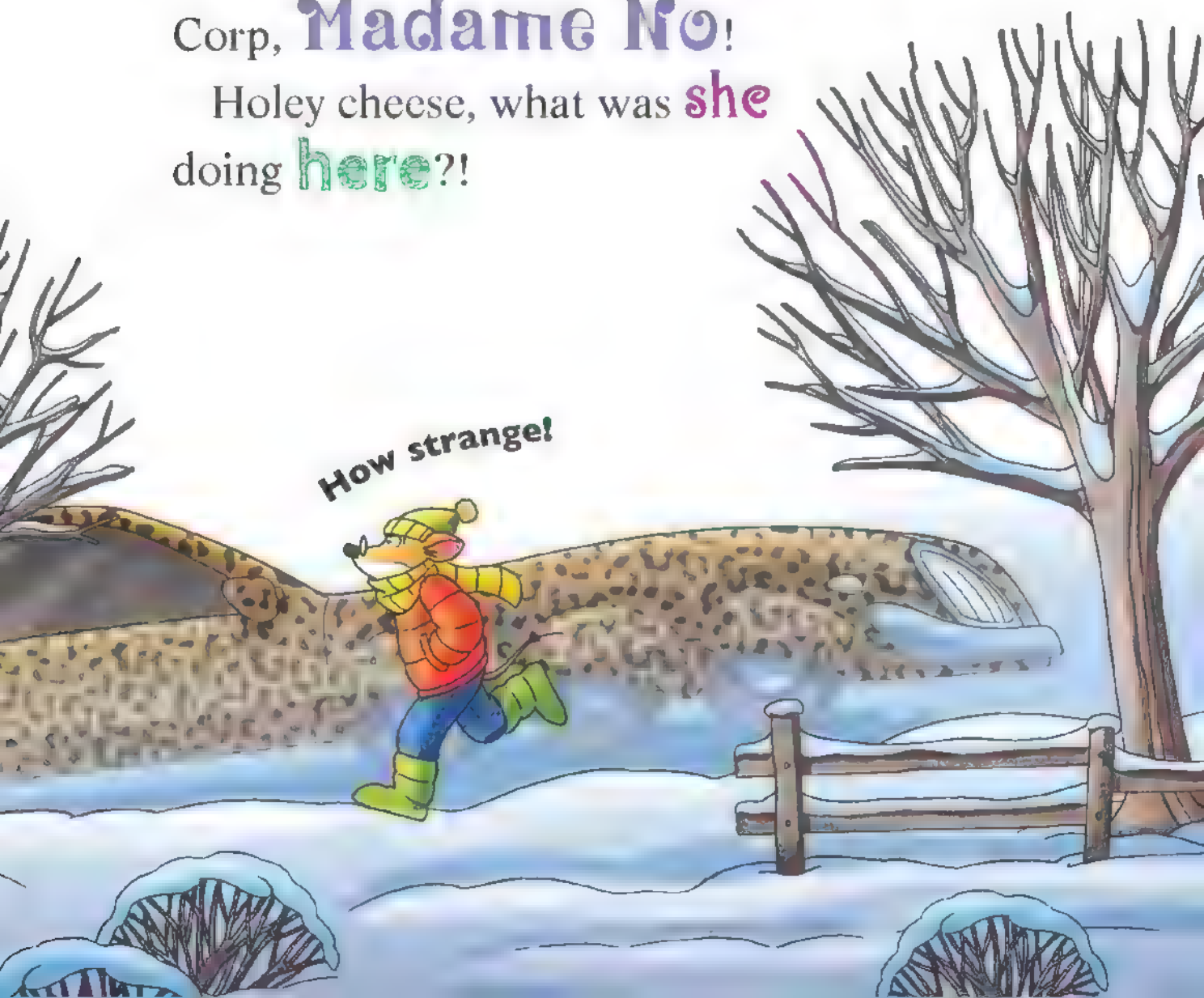
Madame No is the CEO of EGO Corp (Enormously Gigantic Organization), a powerful company that handles a lot of real-estate deals on Mouse Island. EGO Corp builds malls and skyscrapers and owns airlines, newspapers, and TV stations. Whenever you ask her a question, she will always answer with one word: "NO!"





One of the car windows was down, and I got a glimpse of an **attorney-looking** rodent with short fur. She glared at me with eyes as **cold** as **ICE**. She was the same rodent I had seen outside the real-estate office, but this time I **recognized** her: she was none other than the CEO of EGO Corp, **Madame No!**

Holey cheese, what was **she** doing **here**?!







# A MYSTERIOUS MESSAGE . . .

When I walked into the house, my friends  
and family were all sitting around the  
**LARGE KITCHEN TABLE.**



The fire **crackled** pleasantly.

“Geronimo, come join us for breakfast!”  
Creepella squeaked.

“Yes, Tina just baked an **apple pie!**”  
Thea added.

I sat down at the table with my friends  
and enjoyed the **freshly baked** warm





# HOW TO PREPARE A HEALTHY BREAKFAST



**BREAKFAST IS THE FIRST MEAL OF THE DAY, SO IT'S IMPORTANT NOT TO SKIP IT!**



For a healthy and nutritious breakfast, start with a glass of milk (or a small cup of yogurt).



Follow that with one of these:

- a bowl of cereal
- toast with honey or jam
- a whole-wheat bagel
- a slice of a simple fruit pie



IF YOU NEED TO WAKE UP A LITTLE EARLIER TO MAKE TIME FOR BREAKFAST, DO IT! AND DON'T FORGET TO HAVE A HIGH-ENERGY SNACK LIKE A PIECE OF FRESH FRUIT OR A SLICE OF MULTIGRAIN BREAD WITH BUTTER.





bread, the **honey** from our beehives, the **homemade** blueberry jam, and the **yogurt** and **cheese** from the milk of our cows.

**Yum, yum, yummy!**

I told everyone about the stone I had uncovered at the foot of the **GREAT OAK TREE**, and my friends were all excited about it.

Then we got up from the table and started our activities for the day. A few mice began to **read**, someone sat down to play the piano, and Benjamin and Trappy began **playing** a memory card game.

Right then my cell phone beeped: I had a **text**. As





soon as I read it, my whiskers began to **tremble**.

Who would have sent such a **NASTY** text without signing it? And why would anyone want to keep me away from the Great Oak Tree?

I showed my friends the **mysterious message** right away.

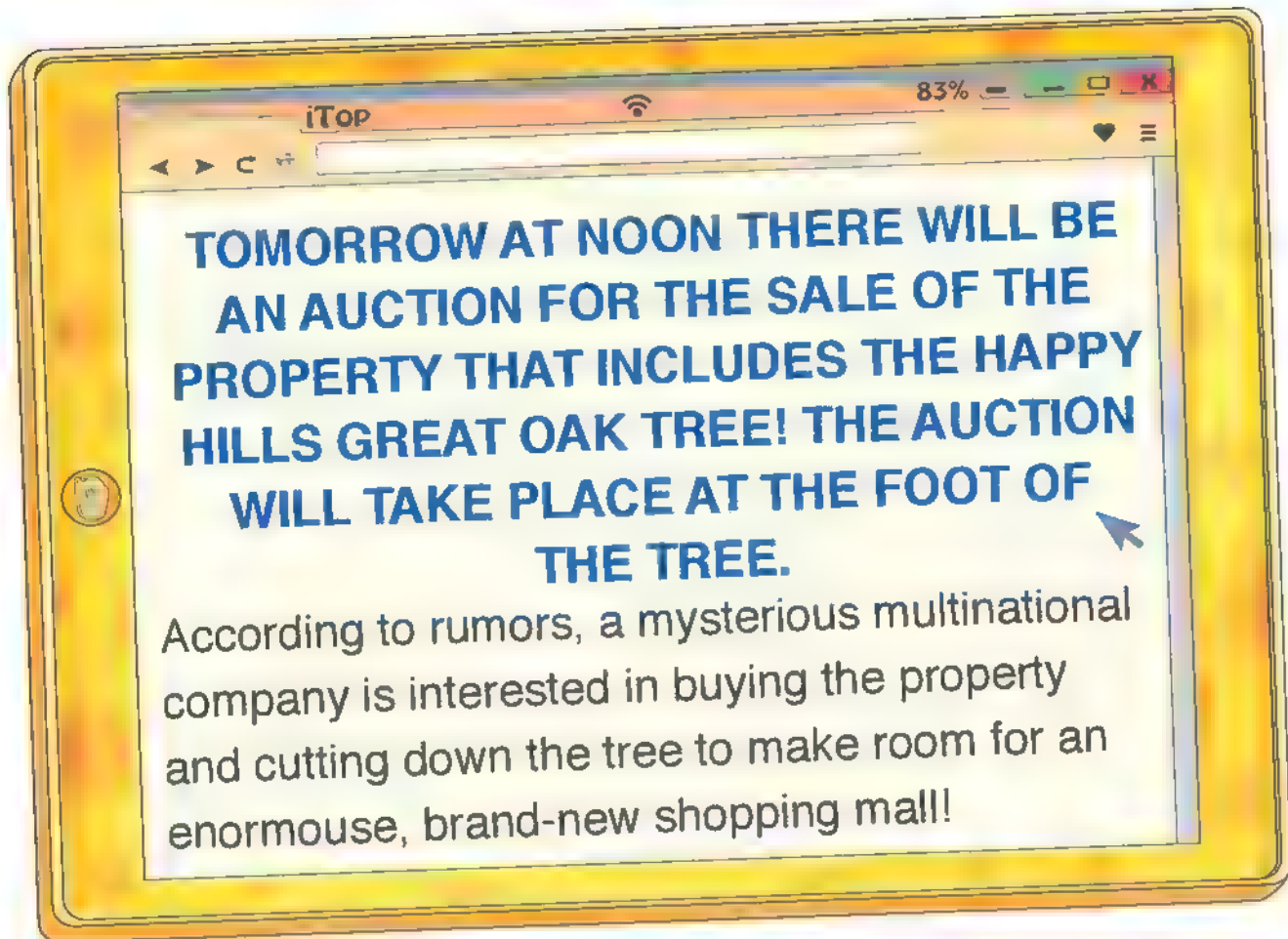
**“How strange!”** they cried.

“This is a very odd text,” Thea said thoughtfully. “Someone wants you to stay away from the Great Oak Tree . . . but **why?**”

Benjamin took out his tablet and did a little research.

“Wow!” he squeaked. “The Great Oak is mentioned in **today’s news!**”

Everyone gathered around Benjamin to read the story.



“Really?”

“What’s it say?”

“Go ahead and read it!” Tina Spicytail said **encouragingly**.

I shook my snout **SADLY**.

“My dear friends, the **GREAT OAK TREE** is in danger,” I said, sighing. “What should we do?”

Everyone replied in unison:

**“We will protect the Great Oak!”**





# TO CATCH A CROOK

Hercule jumped up from the breakfast table and waved a **BANANA** in the air angrily.

“I’d just love to know who these **cowardly crooks** are who are trying to scare you away, Geronimo!” he cried. “I’m **on the case**, or my name isn’t Hercule Poirat! I’ll catch them, just wait! We won’t be scared away so **easily**, that’s for sure!”

“Yeah!” some of the others chimed in.

“Don’t be afraid, Geronimo,” my friends squeaked. “**You’re not alone!**”

“There’s one





other thing you should all know,” I said. “This morning when I was walking back from the Great Oak Tree, I saw a long, **leopard-patterned** limousine with **tinted windows**. It was the same car I saw outside the real-estate office when I bought the farm all those months ago. And do you want to know who I saw inside that car?”

“**Of course!**” everyone squeaked.

“**Who was it?**”

“Come on, Geronimo, **tell us!**”

I took a deep breath. “It was **Madame No.**”

“Holey cheese!” Hercule replied. “That means that EGO Corp must be the one that wants to take down the tree to build a **SHOPPING MALL!**”

“What can we do?” I asked.







I'm exhausted!

We have to come up with a plan!

Have some herbal tea!

Hmmm...

Hmmm...



We tried and tried to come up with a **plan** to protect the Great Oak, but we couldn't think of anything!

Thea, Creepella, and Flora were **whispering** together in a corner. All of a sudden, they became quiet, and Flora turned to the rest of us.

"We have an **idea**!" she squeaked. "There is only one thing we can do to **save** the Great Oak Tree: go to the auction and **win**!"

"That's a good thought, but we will have to come up with enough money to win," I replied. "How can we possibly **defeat** the powerful, wealthy EGO Corp? And we don't have much time: the auction is tomorrow at noon!"

Benjamin, Trappy, and Buggy Wugsy whispered to one another. Then they opened



their backpacks and handed me their **piggy banks**.

“Here is everything we have saved, Uncle,” Benjamin said. “It’s not much, but we want to **help save** the Great Oak, too!”

“Thank you!” I squeaked. “You know, you may be on to something. I’ll add my savings, and if all of us contribute just a little bit,





then a small amount will **GROW** and **GROW** and **GROW** until it's a **huge** sum!

"We'll print a special edition of **The Rodent's Gazette** to raise the money to **WIN** the —"

But before I could even finish my sentence, Tina came racing into the room, holding the phone.



She knocked me right off my paws, and I almost **DROPPED** the piggy banks!

“Mr. Stilton, your grandfather is on the line,” she squeaked. “He wants to talk to you **RIGHT NOW!**”

I put the phone on speaker so everyone could **hear** my grandfather’s voice . . .

### **WHAT IS AN AUCTION?**

An auction is a type of sale in which objects, buildings, or pieces of land are offered for sale to the public. The person who “bids,” or offers, the most money wins.



## SPECIAL EDITION!

“Grandson!” my grandfather roared. “Tina explained everything to me. For once I agree with you: we **absolutely** must save the Great Oak! That tree is a special piece of Mouse Island history. It cannot be cut down! We will run a

**We must protect  
the Great Oak!**



**special edition** of *The Rodent's Gazette* and all proceeds will go toward the auction. But we need some **IDEAS** for the newspaper articles.”

“We can write about how **great** it is





to visit or live in the countryside,” Flora suggested. “I can contribute by writing a column about **homegrown** herbal teas.”

“And we can include a **GAME**, too,” Benjamin said. “It can be a nature memory card game like the one Trappy and I have been playing. That would be a special giveaway . . .”



“Great idea, Benjamin!” Grandfather agreed. “I’m so **proud** of you! We’ll get started here at the paper, and we’ll put together a fabumouse special issue. The paper will be at newsstands tomorrow morning before **sunrise**! Over and out!”

Then he **hung up**.



Well done!

What do you think?

Interesting!

I'm ready!

Hmm...

I'm coming!

What a great idea!

Hmm...

Hmm...

Let's get started!



Here I am!

Let's get to work!

Everything is set!

All done!

Right away!

I'm going!

Hello!

Hmm...

Oops!

Quick!

All done!





My dear readers, the following morning rodents all across Mouse Island snapped up their own issues of the special edition. Within one hour, **The Rodent's Gazette** had **sold out!**

It was a **mouserific success!**





Now we had enough funds to attend the **auktion** and perhaps even win! But I had a feeling it wouldn't be easy to **DEFEAT** Madame No and the EGO Corp.

And my feeling was completely **correct**...





# ONE POWERFUL MOUSE

I was getting ready to leave for the auction when I heard the **squeal** of car tires and the **screached** sound of the brakes.

**SCREECH!**

Moments later, the doorbell rang loudly:

**DING DONG! DING DONG!**

**DING DONG!**

I ran to open the door and saw three **buff**, enormous rats in **leopard-print** jackets standing there!

“We told you to stay away from the Great Oak, you **smarty-mouse!**”





the first rat growled **MEANLY**.

“Yeah,” agreed the second. “Madame No wants to buy that tree, and what Madame No wants, Madame No gets!”

“Be careful,” the third rat squeaked, “or you’ll make her very, very **angry**!”

My whiskers **trembled** with fear: **what bullies!**





But I wasn't going to let them **intimidate** me.

"My friends and I are not **afraid**," I replied. "Tell Madame No we'll see her at the auction, and we're going to **WIN**!"

The back window of the limousine lowered, and I saw Madame No staring at me with **EYES** as cold as an **ICY** winter night.

"You'd better watch out!" she hissed. "I'll take down the Great Oak Tree and build a mega shopping mall in its place! I'm **one powerful mouse**, and you don't want to cross me. I always win, no matter what!"

Then the car **screeched** off.

At noon we all met at the tree . . .

**The auction was about to start!**







My heart was beating **quickly**, but I wasn't scared because I knew I wasn't alone!

In fact, many mice I knew (and even some I didn't know!) had come from New Mouse City to **support me**. It was nice to know so many people cared.

The **auctioneer** announced the beginning of the auction: "Lady rodents and gentlemice, we are here for the sale of the Happy Hills property, which includes the **GREAT OAK TREE**. The opening bid will be the low price of —"

He cleared his throat and said a number. It was a **huge** amount!

"**Ooohhhh!**" the audience cried out in surprise. Not many mice had that kind of **money**.

"Any bidders?" the auctioneer asked.

**Madame No** raised her paw.



“I bid **twice** that amount!” she said triumphantly.

I raised my **paw** to bid as well.

“And I offer **twice** that amount!” I squeaked.

Madame No raised her left eyebrow in **surprise**.

“Well . . .” she replied, “I offer **double** the **doubled double** amount!”

### THE AUCTIONEER

During an auction, the auctioneer is the person who announces, describes, and awards items to the highest bidder.

Any bidders?





I offer double!



I'll double the doubled amount!



I'll double the doubled double!



I'll bid double the double the doubled double!



I was able to counter her offer thanks to the **proceeds** from the sale of the special edition of *The Rodent's Gazette*.

"I'll counter that offer with double the double the doubled double!" I squeaked.

Madame No lifted her **RIGHT** eyebrow (she was completely **stunned**).

"I'll double the double the double the doubled double!" she shouted.

I stared **straight** at her and proudly replied: "Then I'll bid double the double the double the double the doubled double amount!"

"How dare you!" Madame No





**squeaked.** I could tell I was really getting under her **FUR.**

“Everyone please pay close attention: I offer **double** the **double** the **double** the **doubled** **double** amount! Is that clear?”

I placed my final offer, my whiskers **trembling** from **exhaustion.** I had finally **used up** all the funds raised by the special edition of *The Rodent's Gazette!*

“What are we going to do now, Stilton?” Hercule asked. “There isn’t one penny left to offer . . .”

I'll double the  
double the  
double the  
doubled double!



I'll double the  
double the  
double the  
double the  
doubled double!



How dare you?



Err . . .





Unfortunately, Madame No's **henchmice** overheard us squeaking. They immediately advised Madame No.

When Madame No realized I didn't have **one penny** left, she smirked confidently.

"I offer **one penny** more than Geronimo Stilton's last bid! What do you have to say now, huh?"

She crossed her paws across her chest and glared at me smugly, confident that she had won.

"**Ooohhhh!**" the audience gasped.  
"**What will Geronimo Stilton do now?**"

"Lady rodents and gentlemice, any other bids?" the auctioneer asked.

I turned as **white** as mozzarella. That was it: there was no more **money** I could **OFFER**. I was going to lose.



Meanwhile, positive she had won, **Madame No** began to brag.

“You don’t have any more money, huh?” she taunted. “Ha! **You lost!** I told you to watch out, rat! You should have known better! I’m **one powerful mouse**, and **I WON, I WON, I WON!** Now I’ll tear down that ugly old tree and everyone will finally understand that I’m the boss of Mouse Island! **Me! Madame No!**”

*I won! I won! I won!*



But at that moment, Benjamin pulled the sleeve of my jacket.

“Uncle, it’s not over yet!” he squeaked.

He handed me **two coins**.

“I found them at the bottom of my backpack,” he squeaked. “They must have



Here, Uncle G!

Thank you!



come out of my  
**piggy bank!**"

I grabbed the coins,  
turned toward the  
auctioneer, and asked **ANXIOUSLY**:  
"Is it too late? I would like to bid two more  
pennies! One more penny than Madame  
No's offer!"

I'm the boss!



The auctioneer nodded. Then he  
turned to **Madame No.**

But she was **shrieking** and  
**celebrating** so loudly, she  
hadn't heard my **offer!** And

she couldn't hear the auctioneer,  
either. He asked one more time  
if there were any last bids.

**"One ... two ... three ...**  
**Sold to Geronimo Stilton!"** the  
auctioneer cried.

**Sold!**





“**STILTON JUST WON!**” the audience shouted **happily**.

“Yay! Hooray for Geronimo Stilton. Hooray for the **GREAT OAK TREE!**”

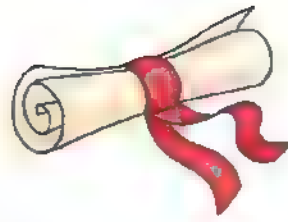
Suddenly, Madame No realized that she had missed something.

“Wait, stop!” she squeaked. “What’s going on?! We have to do it again!”

“I’m sorry, Madame No,” the auctioneer replied, shaking his snout. “Mr. Stilton won the auction, **fair** and **SQUARE.**”

Yes, I had **won**, and we had saved the Great Oak Tree!





## MY WISH IS . . .

Since then, every year on **December 21**, the entire Stilton family hosts a **fabumouse party** right at the foot of the Great Oak Tree.

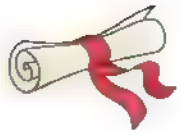
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

We celebrate how we managed to join forces to **save** the Great Oak. We did it **together**, just like one big **family**!

And every year, in memory of Grant Gentlemouse and his bride, we hang pieces of paper from the branches of the oak tree. A **wish** is written on each piece of paper.

Would you like to know mine? Each year, it's the same — that we can all live together





in **PEACE** and harmony, with  
respect for one another and  
for nature! It's a truly mouserific  
wish, isn't it? Together, we can make it  
come true, or my name isn't **Stilton**,  
*Geronimo Stilton!*

Good-bye until next time,  
my dear readers!



# MY WISH IS . . .

My wish is for everyone  
to eat healthy!

My wish is for everyone  
to find love!

My wish is for a  
three-cheese lasagna!

My wish is for  
peace and bananas!



... FOR EVERYONE TO LOVE NATURE!

My wish is for everyone  
to find a true friend!

My wish is to travel the world!

Here!

My wish is for  
everyone to  
be happy!



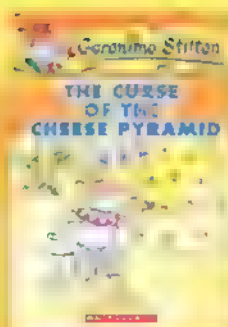




**Be sure to  
read all my  
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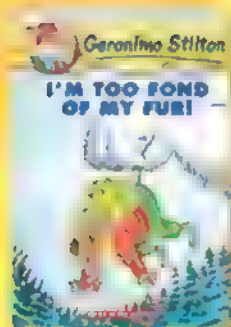
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Cheddarface!**



**#7 Red Pizzas for a  
Blue Count**



**#8 Attack of the  
Bandit Cats**



**#9 A Fabumouse  
Vacation for Geronimo**



**#10 All Because of a  
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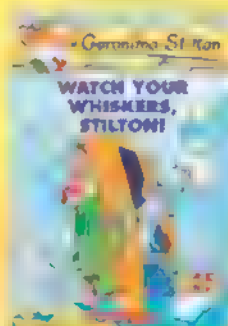
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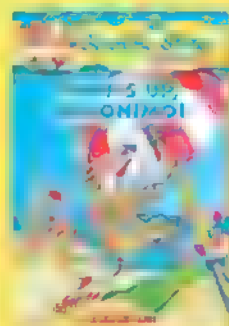
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**#19 My Name Is Stilton,  
Geronimo Stilton**



**#20 Surf's Up,  
Geronimo!**



**#21 The Wild, Wild  
West**



**#22 The Secret  
of Cuckletur Castle**



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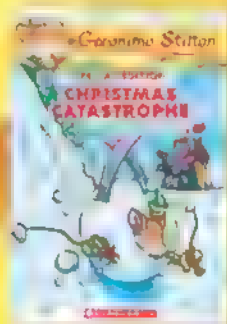
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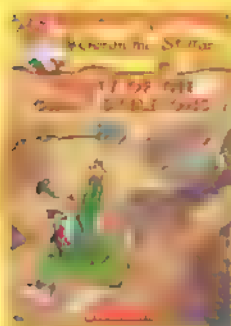
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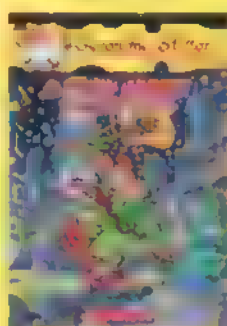
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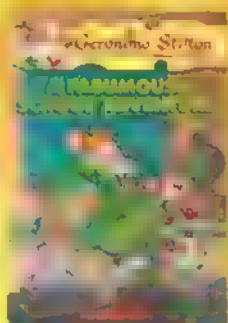
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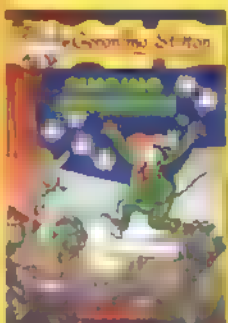
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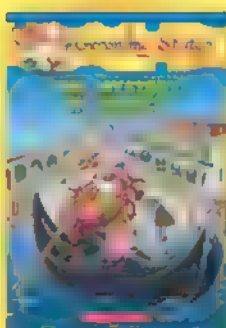


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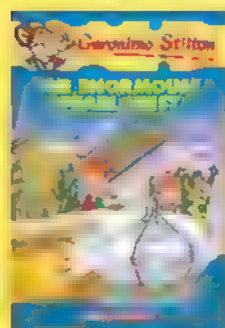
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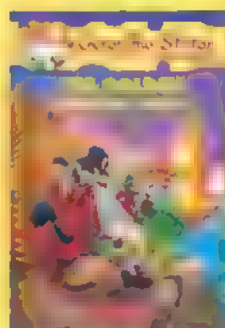
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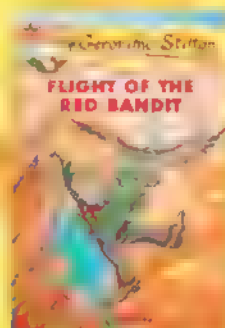
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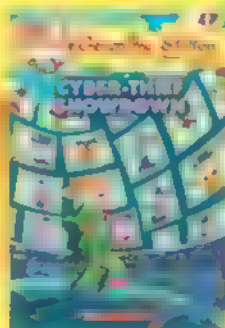
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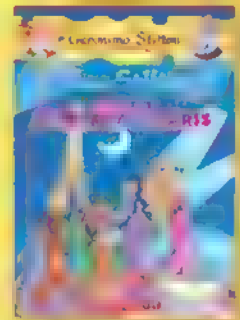
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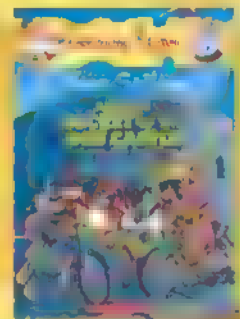
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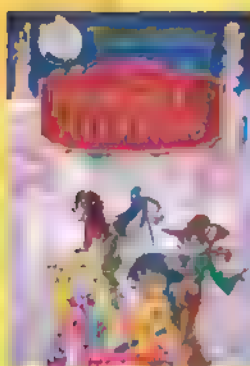


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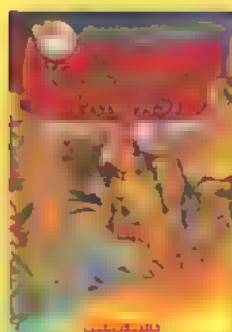
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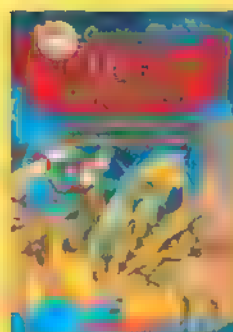
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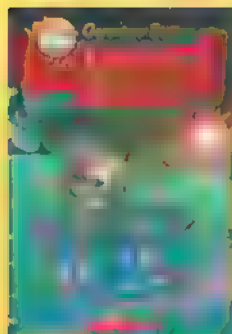
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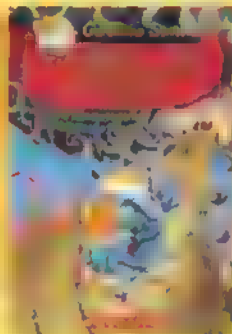
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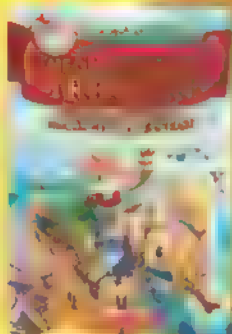
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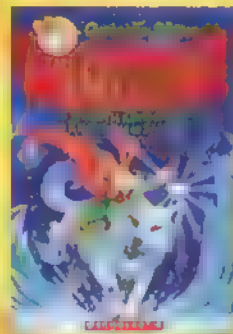
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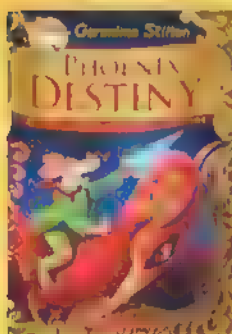
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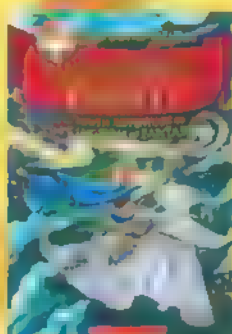
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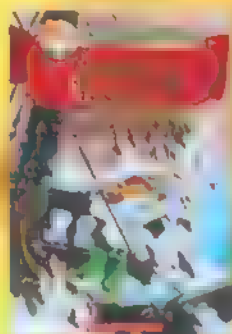
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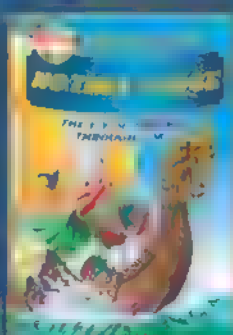
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# ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Born in New Mouse City, Mouse Island, **GERONIMO STILTON** is Rattus Emeritus of Mousomorphic Literature and of Neo-Ratonic Comparative Philosophy. For the past twenty years, he has been running *The Rodent's Gazette*, New Mouse City's most widely read daily newspaper.

Stilton was awarded the Ratitzer Prize for his scoops on *The Curse of the Cheese Pyramid* and *The Search for Sunken Treasure*. He has also received the Andersen 2000 Prize for Personality of the Year. One of his bestsellers won the 2002 eBook Award for world's best ratlings' electronic book. His works have been published all over the globe.

In his spare time, Mr. Stilton collects antique cheese rinds and plays golf. But what he most enjoys is telling stories to his nephew Benjamin.



1. Main entrance
2. Printing presses (where the books and newspaper are printed)
3. Accounts department
4. Editorial room (where the editors, illustrators, and designers work)
5. Geronimo Stilton's office
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Brigand's Isle

This way to the Rodent Straits



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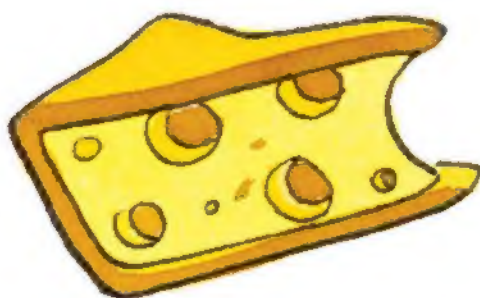


1 MOUSE ISLAND



# Map of Mouse Island

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| 3. Slipperyslopes Glacier | 23. Cheddar Crag                |
| 4. Coldcreeps Peak        | 24. Cannycat Castle             |
| 5. Ratzikistan            | 25. Valley of the Giant Sequoia |
| 6. Transratania           | 26. Cheddar Springs             |
| 7. Mount Vamp             | 27. Sulfurous Swamp             |
| 8. Roastedrat Volcano     | 28. Old Reliable Geyser         |
| 9. Brimstone Lake         | 29. Vole Vale                   |
| 10. Poopedcat Pass        | 30. Ravingrat Ravine            |
| 11. Stinko Peak           | 31. Gnat Marshes                |
| 12. Dark Forest           | 32. Munster Highlands           |
| 13. Vain Vampires Valley  | 33. Mousehara Desert            |
| 14. Goose Bumps Gorge     | 34. Oasis of the Sweaty Camel   |
| 15. The Shadow Line Pass  | 35. Cabbagehead Hill            |
| 16. Penny Pincher Castle  | 36. Rattytrap Jungle            |
| 17. Nature Reserve Park   | 37. Rio Mosquito                |
| 18. Las Ratayas Marinas   |                                 |
| 19. Fossil Forest         |                                 |
| 20. Lake Lake             |                                 |



Dear mouse friends,  
Thanks for reading, and farewell  
till the next book.  
It'll be another whisker-licking-good  
adventure, and that's a promise!



Geronimo Stilton







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**THEA**



**TRAP**



**BENJAMIN**

## ***Who is Geronimo Stilton?***

That's me! I run a newspaper, but my true passion is writing adventure stories. Here in New Mouse City, the capital of Mouse Island, my books are all bestsellers! My stories are funny, fa-mouse-ly funny. They are whisker-licking-good tales, and that's a promise!

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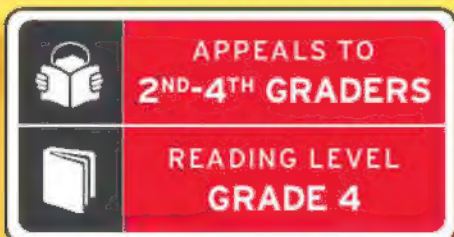
## **HUG A TREE, GERONIMO**

I was looking for inspiration for my novel one afternoon and decided to take a bike ride through Mouse Island's countryside. Along the way, I discovered my aunt's old house was for sale. But a mysterious someone was looking to get their paws on the land first. Could I figure out who and save the house in time?

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